

QSC 2021 VMDR

Course Training Documents

- QSC 2021 VMDR Lab Tutorial Supplement
- QSC 2021 VMDR Slides

You can download both documents from:

`https://bit.ly/qsc21vmdr`

Play Lab Tutorials

Navigate to the following URL to view the "Configure Agents for VMDR" tutorial

PLAY → <http://ior.ad/7bZE>

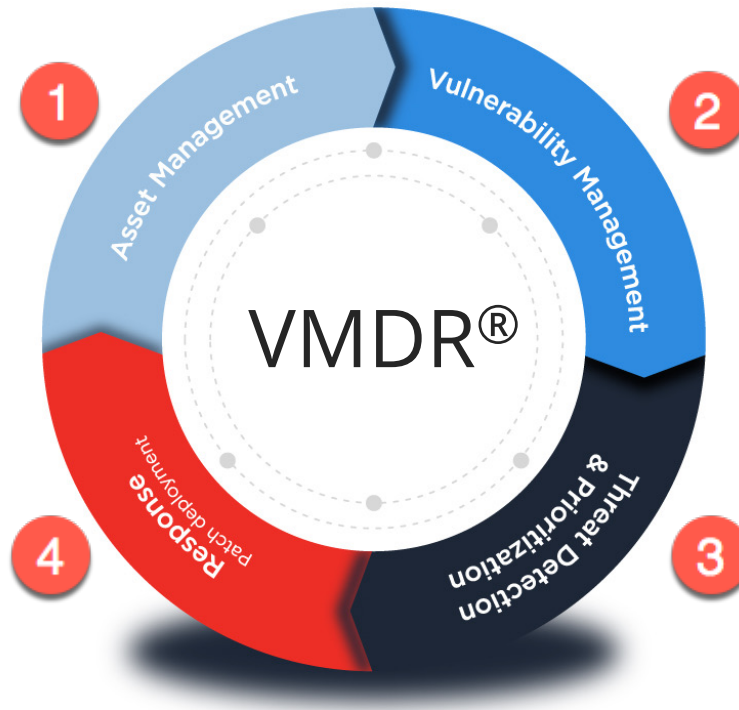
Click to open Lab Tutorial. 1

Maximize Screen 2

Click Start Button 3

The screenshot shows the Qualys Play Lab interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links: PRIORITIZATION, SCANS, REPORTS, REMEDIATION, ASSETS, KNOWLEDGEBASE, and USERS. The main content area has a dark background with a circular diagram in the center containing a play button. Below the diagram, there are three sections: 'abilities & ns', 'Prioritize Threats', and 'Detect & Deploy Missing Patches'. A sidebar on the right is white and contains the Qualys logo, the text 'Try It', '15 steps / 3 mins', the tutorial title 'Configure Agents for VMDR', and a large 'Start' button. A footer at the bottom right says 'Nov 2020 by Qualys'. Red callout boxes with numbers 1, 2, and 3 point to the URL, the maximize button, and the start button respectively.

Qualys VMDR Lifecycle



VMDR Agenda

1. Asset Management

- Qualys Sensor Overview
- CyberSecurity Asset Management (CSAM)

2. Vulnerability Management (VM)

- Vulnerability Findings
- Dashboards & Widgets

3. Threat Detection & Prioritization (TP)

- VMDR Threat Feed
- VMDR Prioritization Report

4. Response – Patch Management (PM)

- Deployment Jobs
- Patch Catalog

Asset Management

CIS Control 1: Inventory and Control of Enterprise Assets



Overview

Actively manage (inventory, track, and correct) all enterprise assets (end-user devices, including portable and mobile; network devices; non-computing/Internet of Things (IoT) devices; and servers) connected to the infrastructure physically, virtually, remotely, and those within cloud environments, to accurately know the totality of assets that need to be monitored and protected within the enterprise. This will also support identifying unauthorized and unmanaged assets to remove or remediate.



<https://www.cisecurity.org/controls/inventory-and-control-of-enterprise-assets/>

Qualys Sensor Platform



APIs (collect data from 3rd parties)

Configure Agents for VMDR



- The patching and response functions in VMDR require Cloud Agent.
- Some Agent Activation Keys may need to be updated to include the VMDR application modules (i.e., VM, CSAM, SCA, and PM).

Lab 1: Configure Agents for VMDR

Please consult pages 3 to 14 in the lab tutorial supplement for details.



Tutorial begins on page 4.



10 mins

Upgrade Agent Activation Keys

Upgrade Agents with Activation Keys

VMDR requires the activation of a purpose-built engine for detecting missing patches for Cloud Agents. Select Activation keys which you want to upgrade for VMDR. All the agents associated with those keys will be upgraded.

Actions (1) ▾ Manage Cloud Agent Keys 1 - 2 of 2 <> ↺ ⚙

 Upgrade 

	MODULES	AGENTS	TAGS
<input type="checkbox"/>	Default VMDR Activation Key 28f4b0cd-f622-42e0-a809-c12474161c3f Unlimited Key SCA VM PM CSAM	0	-
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Minimum Module Activation Key 549c7a3f-fc20-44bf-8c54-e74f234b95d8 Unlimited Key CSAM	0	VMDR Lab

Upgrade Agent Activation Keys to include VMDR application modules (i.e., VM, SCA, PM, CSAM).

Activation Key Tagging Strategy

BEST PRACTICE:
Assign “static” tags to agent Activation Keys and use them to ensure agent hosts receive their appropriate performance settings, patching licenses, and patch job assignments.

The screenshot displays the Qualys Configuration console. The main window is titled 'New Activation Key' and contains the following elements:

- Configuration** (tab) | **Profiles** | **Licenses**
- License Consumption** (sidebar):
 - Patch Management**: Type: TRIAL, Expiring in: 191 days on Jun
 - License Details**: Licenses Purchased 10
 - Select assets for patch management**: Select asset tags to include or exclude based on the number of matching assets.
 - Include Assets Tags**: VMDR Lab x Remote x
 - ☐ Add Exclusion Asset Tags
 - Reset** | **Save**
- New Activation Key** (main content):
 - Turn help tips: On | Off
 - Create a new activation key
 - An activation key is used to install agents. This provides a way to group agents and better manage your account. By default this key is unlimited - it allows you to add any number of agents at any time.
 - Title: Remote Host Activation Key
 - Select | Create
 - Remote x
 - Provision Key for these applications:
 - ☒ CSAM CyberSecurity Asset Management (Activations managed by CSAM)
 - ☒ VM Vulnerability Management (15 Activations Remaining)
 - ☒ SCA Secure Config Assessment (15 Activations Remaining)
 - ☒ PM Patch Management (115 Activations Remaining)
 - ☐ PC Policy Compliance (15 Activations Remaining)
 - Close** | Unlimited Key **Generate**

Red arrows point from the 'Remote' tag in the 'Include Assets Tags' section to the 'Remote' tag in the 'Provision Key for these applications' section.

CyberSecurity Asset Management

Discover and Inventory Assets

Asset Inventory Data Collection

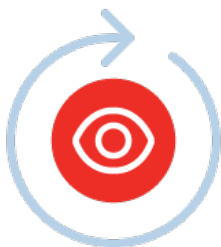
- Passive Sensor
- Configure CMDB Sync (if using CMDB solution)

Normalization, Categorization & Enrichment* (performed automatically in the Qualys Cloud Platform)

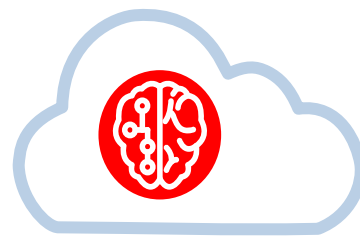
Organize and Manage Assets
(configure Asset Tags)



Comprehensive Asset & Software Inventory



Physical Scanner	Cloud Agent
Virtual Scanner	Passive Sensor
Cloud Connector	API
Container Sensor	Out-of-Band



CSAM Catalog: Categorize, Normalize and Enrich

OS/HW/SW	Lifecycle Stage
Support Stage	License type
Manufacturer	Category

Qualys CyberSecurity Asset Management (CSAM) aggregates data from all sensors.

Qualys Categorization, Normalization & Enrichment

	Operating Systems	Hardware	Software
Raw Data	Base OS Runtime AIX: 06.01.0009.0300 EE	Dell, Inc. R510	mysql-community-server 5.6.35-2.el7.x86_64
Category	UNIX > Server	Computers > Server	Databases > RDBMS
Manufacturer	IBM	Dell	Sun Microsystems
Owner	IBM	Dell	Oracle
Product	AIX	PowerEdge	MySQL Server
Market Version / Model	6	R510	5
Edition	Enterprise	-	Community
Version	6.1	-	5.6
Update	TL9 SP3	-	35-2.el6
Architecture	64-Bit	-	64-Bit
Lifecycle Stage	EOL/EOS	OBS	EOL
End-of-Life	30-Apr-2015	1-Sep-2012	28-Feb-2018
End-of-Support	30-Apr-2017	1-Sep-2012	28-Feb-2021
Support Stage	Unsupported	Obsolete	Extended Support
License Type	Commercial	-	Open Source (GPL-2.0)



Normalization &
categorization



Advanced asset
information

Search Hardware Categories

hardware.category1: value1

hardware.category2: value2




hardware.category: value1 / value2





hardware.category1: `Networking Device`







hardware.category2: `Switch`

hardware.category: `Networking Device / Switch`

ASSET	OPERATING SYSTEM	HARDWARE
10.46.105.2 10.46.105.2	 Cisco Systems NX-OS	Cisco Systems Nexus Switch Switch
10.46.105.1 10.46.105.1	 Cisco Systems NX-OS	Cisco Systems Nexus Switch Switch
10.46.105.3 10.46.105.3	 Cisco Systems NX-OS	Cisco Systems Nexus Switch Switch

Hardware Category List

Group Assets by : **Hardware Category**  

1 - 19 of 19      

CATEGORY	ASSETS
Virtualized / Virtual Machine	589
Unidentified / Unidentified	238
Computers / Unidentified	238
Computers / Server	155
Networking Device / Unidentified	46
Virtualized / Cloud Instance	36
Network Security Device / Firewall Device	24
Networking Device / Switch	16
Unknown	14

Group assets by Hardware Category to build a list of hardware category values in your account.

Search OS Categories

operatingSystem.category1: value1

operatingSystem.category2: value2




operatingSystem.category: value1 / value2










operatingSystem.category1: 'Windows'

operatingSystem.category2: 'Server'

operatingSystem.category: 'Windows / Server'

ASSET	OPERATING SYSTEM	HARDWARE
EC2AMAZ-H3CN8NE 54.203.137.60,172.16.1.114 0A:87:39:10:32:0A	 Microsoft Windows Se... Datacenter 1809 64-Bit	- Virtual Machine
WIN2019SRV1ESXI 10.0.1.165,2600:8800:3780:1a:8dcb:1... 00:0C:29:75:7C:B6	 Microsoft Windows Se... Datacenter Evaluation 1809 64-Bit	VMware VMware Virtual Platfo... Virtual Machine
WIN2008SRV2ESXI fe80:0:0:0:203c:d6fc:e713:7e36,fd00:8... 00:0C:29:66:A6:25	 Microsoft Windows Se... Enterprise 6.1 SP1 64-Bit	VMware VMware Virtual Platfo... Virtual Machine

OS Category List

Group Assets by : OS Category  ▼		1 - 18 of 18	     
CATEGORY	ASSETS		
Linux / Unidentified	329		
Windows / Server	260		
Windows / Client	231		
Unidentified / Unidentified	203		
Linux / Server	132		
Network Operating System / Unidentified	89		
Windows / Unidentified	32		
Virtualization / Hypervisor Type-1 (Bare Metal)	29		
Mac / Client	19		

Group assets by OS Category to build a list of operating system category values in your account.

Search Software Categories

software:(category1: value1)

software:(category2: value2)

software:(category: value1 / value2)



software:(category1: `Security`)

software:(category2: `Endpoint Protection`)

software:(category: `Security / Endpoint Protection`)

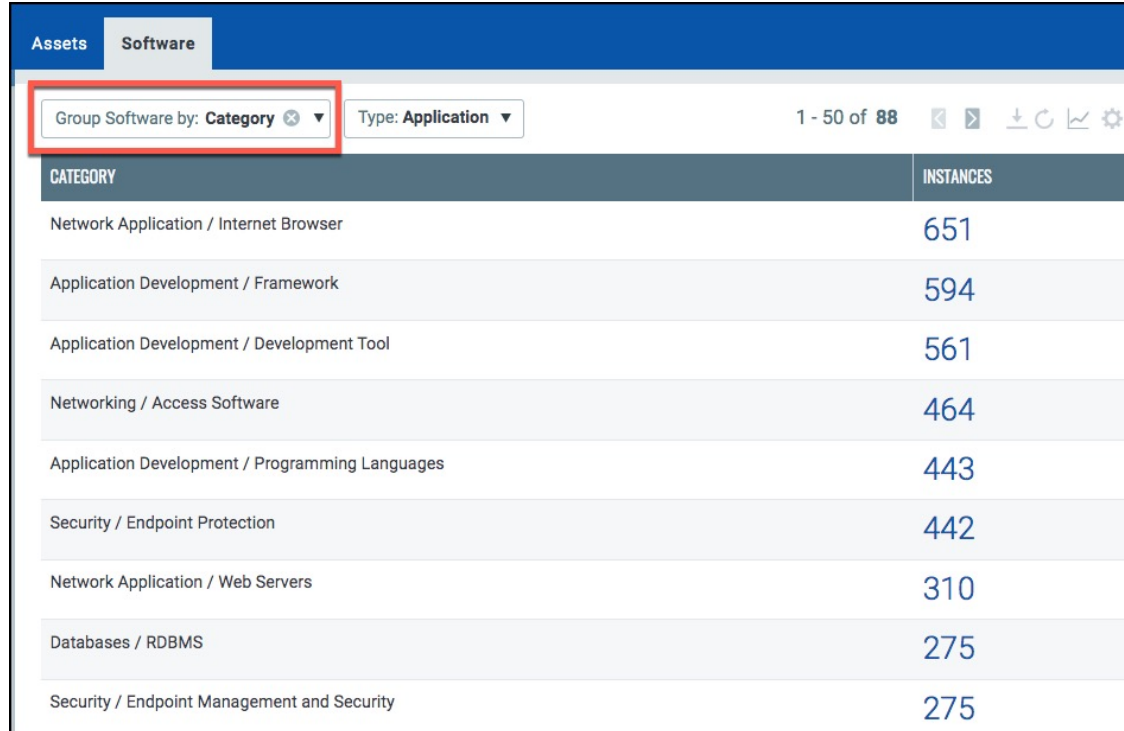
software:(category1: 'Security')

software:(category2: 'Endpoint Protection')

software:(category: 'Security/Endpoint Protection')

RELEASE	CATEGORY	LICENSE
Qualys CloudGuard 4.2.0.8		
Microsoft Windows Defender 4.18.1807.18075	Security Endpoint Protection	Commercial Free
Privax HMA! Pro VPN 4.6.151	Security Endpoint Protection	Commercial Licensed
OpenVPN 3.1.3	Security Endpoint Protection	Open Source GNU General Public

Software Category List



CATEGORY	INSTANCES
Network Application / Internet Browser	651
Application Development / Framework	594
Application Development / Development Tool	561
Networking / Access Software	464
Application Development / Programming Languages	443
Security / Endpoint Protection	442
Network Application / Web Servers	310
Databases / RDBMS	275
Security / Endpoint Management and Security	275

Group Software by Category to build a list of software category values in your account.

Lab 2 : Search Using Categories

Please consult pages 15 to 16 in the lab tutorial supplement for details.



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Software License Category

Commercial – Supported by vendor.

✕ software:(license.category:'Commercial')

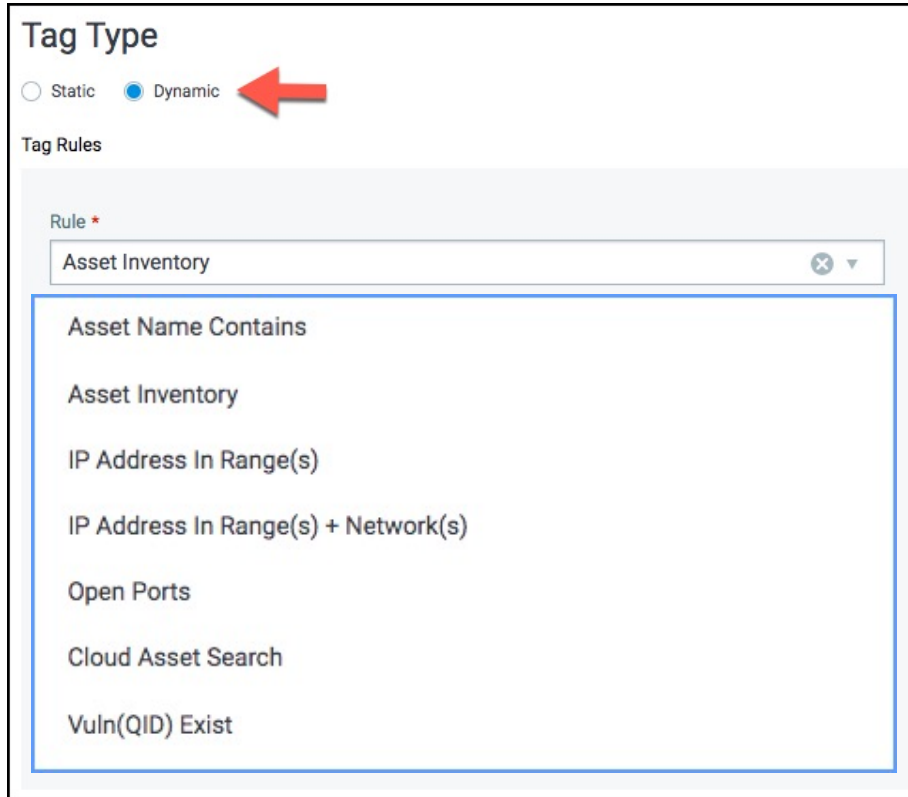


Open Source – Free for public use.

✕ software:(license.category:'Open Source')



Dynamic Rule-Based Tags



Tag Type

☐ Static ☒ Dynamic

Tag Rules

Rule *

Asset Inventory

- Asset Name Contains
- Asset Inventory
- IP Address In Range(s)
- IP Address In Range(s) + Network(s)
- Open Ports
- Cloud Asset Search
- Vuln(QID) Exist

- The “Asset Inventory” rule engine allows you to build tags using query tokens, including the Hardware, OS, and Software category tokens.
- Other “dynamic” rule engines are also available.

Lab 3 : Dynamic Rule-Based Tags

Please consult pages 17 in the lab tutorial supplement for details.



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Unidentified vs. Unknown

Some OS and Hardware assets may appear as “unidentified” or “unknown.”

Unidentified

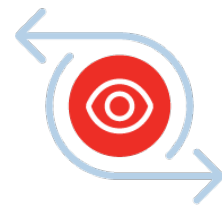
- Not enough data has been discovered/collected for Qualys to determine the asset’s hardware or operating system.

Unknown

- Adequate data exists for Qualys to categorize the asset, but it has yet to be cataloged.

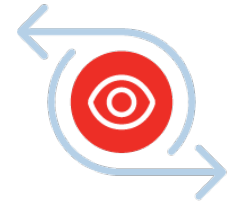
Network Passive Sensor

Passive Sensor Overview

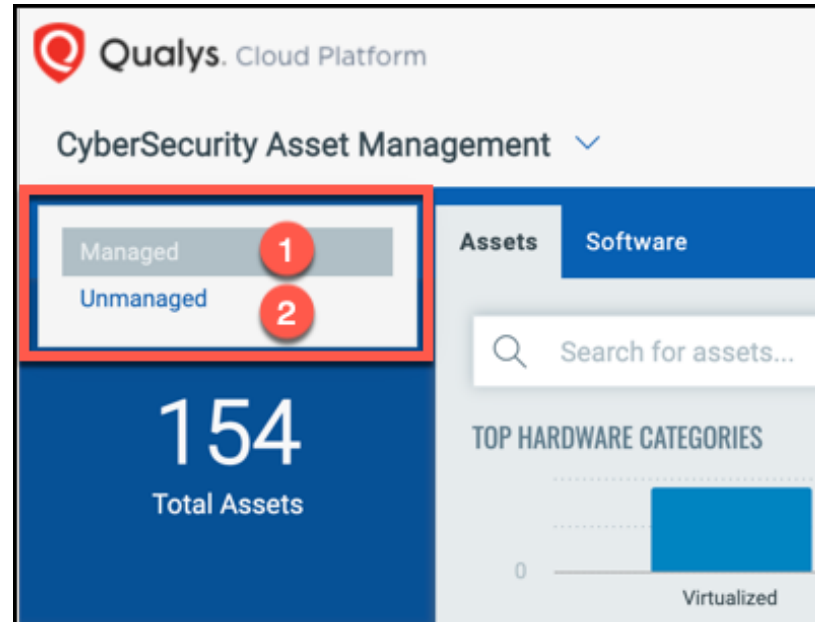


- Sniffs traffic via network TAP or the SPAN port of a network switch.
 - Captured data and traffic is sent to the Qualys Platform for analysis and processing.
1. Discovered assets not in your account, are placed in the “Unmanaged” section of Qualys CSAM.
 2. Enable “Traffic Analysis” to reveal communication between assets, including conversations between managed and unmanaged assets.

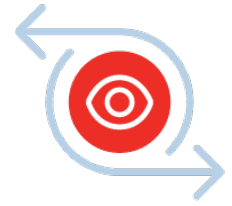
Managed vs. Unmanaged Assets



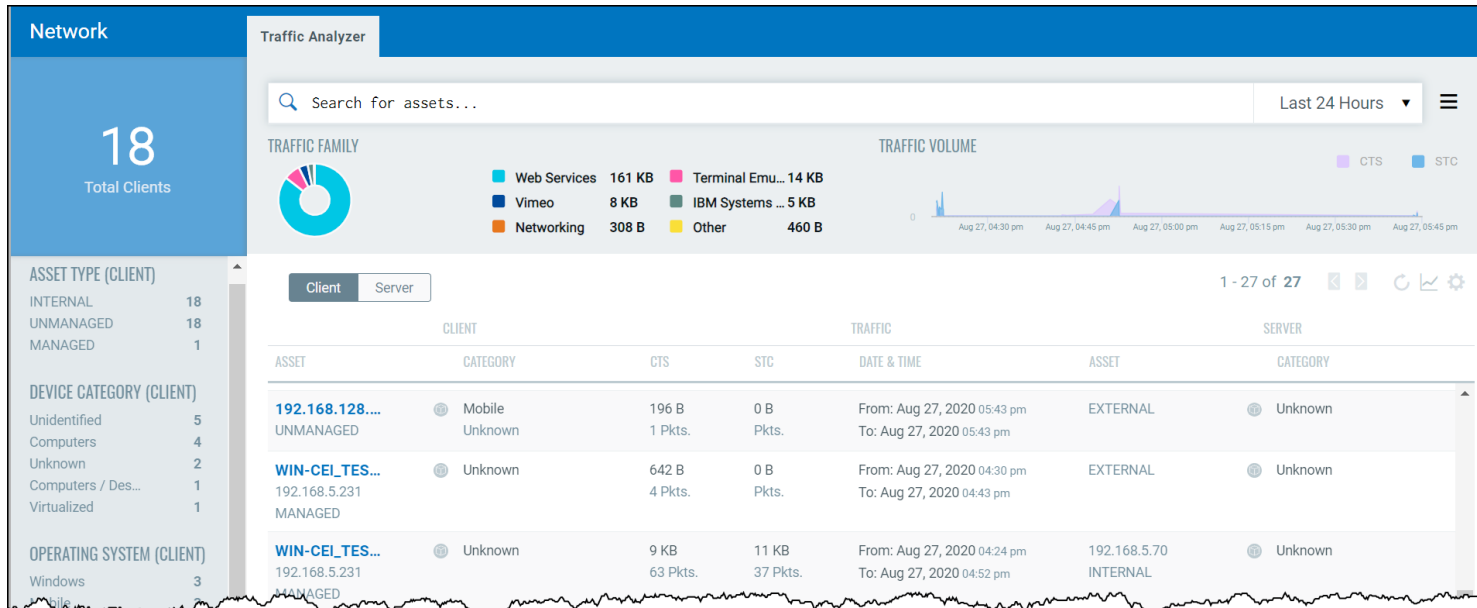
1. If discovered data is confirmed to match an asset already in your account, its information can be merged with the existing asset.
2. Discovered assets not in your account, are placed in the “Unmanaged” section of Qualys CSAM.



Network Traffic Analyzer



- Conversations between assets can offer new discoveries and insights.



Network Passive Sensor User Guides



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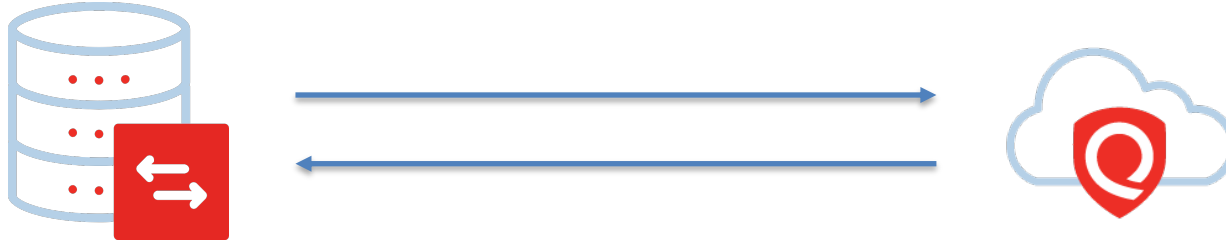
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Passive Sensors can be deployed as a physical or virtual appliances.

CMDB Sync

Certified ServiceNow CMDB Sync App



- Supports 2-way sync (Qualys to ServiceNow and ServiceNow to Qualys)
- Up-to-date, categorized, normalized, and enriched ServiceNow CMDB
- Enrich Qualys assets with key CMDB business data
- Synchronization schedules can be configured and saved.
- Asset metadata is only synchronized for assets that already exist in both Qualys and ServiceNow.
- Optionally, asset information is staged for user approval before being written to CMDB.

Import Business Attributes from ServiceNow CMDB

The screenshot displays the Qualys Cloud Metadata interface for resource 961701629973009803. The left sidebar contains navigation menus for CLOUD METADATA, INVENTORY, and SECURITY. The main content area is divided into 'Business Information' and 'Business Applications'.

Business Information

Status: Repair	Department: IT Operations
Managed By: Byron Fortuna	Supported By: John Doe

Business Applications

BUSINESS APP NAME	BUSINESS CRITICALITY	OPERATIONAL STATUS
Banking Service	1 - Most Critical	Installed

A red box highlights 'Banking Service' in the table, with a red arrow pointing to the 'Business Application Details' panel.

Business Application Details

Banking Service
Installed | Business Criticality: 1 - Most Critical

OVERVIEW **ASSOCIATED ASSETS**

1 - 4 of 4

ASSET	SYSTEM INFO	SUPPORTED BY
HQWIN8R2RD27 10.46.105.42,169.254.162.50,fe80...	Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R... VMware VMWare Virtual Platform ...	John Doe IT Operations
WIN12PMIOC3 10.0.1.6,169.254.5.79,192.168.13....	Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R... Google Compute Engine	John Doe IT Operations
10.115.75.59 10.115.75.59	The CentOS Project CentOS 7 (1511) VMware VMWare Virtual Platform ...	John Doe IT Operations

Close

- Automatically import business application and business context attributes from ServiceNow CMDB
- Identify other assets associated with a business application

Lab 4 : CMDB Sync and Business Context

Please consult pages 19 to 20 in the lab tutorial supplement for details.



Tutorial begins on page 19.

5 mins

Use Business Attributes to Search for Assets

businessApp:(businessCriticality

businessApp:(environment

businessApp:(id

businessApp:(managedBy

businessApp:(name

businessApp:(operationalStatus

businessApp:(ownedBy

businessApp:(supportGroup

businessApp:(supportedBy

- Use any of the “businessApp” search tokens to single out assets, based on the business information and characteristics provided by ServiceNow.
- Queries using these tokens will impact assets already synchronized.

Integration with ServiceNow CMDB

To implement ServiceNow CMDB Integration, a Qualys subscription with API access is required, along with the following application modules:

- CSAM
- Vulnerability Management

1. Qualys CMDB Sync App

- Install the Qualys CMDB Sync App (available in ServiceNow Online Store)

2. Qualys CMDB Sync Service Graph Connector App

- Install the Qualys Service Graph Connector App (available in ServiceNow Online Store)
- ITOM Visibility license in ServiceNow

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Cloud Apps

IT Asset Management

- + Global AssetView
- + CyberSecurity Asset Management
- + AssetView
- CMDB Sync
 - Qualys CMDB Sync Service Graph Connector App
 - Qualys CMDB Sync App
- + Certificate Inventory

Public APIs for CMDB Sync

- CSAM now supports import of **Asset business metadata** and **Business app metadata** from your CMDB into your Qualys asset inventory (using v2 APIs).
- Imported business attributes are listed in the Asset Details page.
- User must have access to the CSAM module with API enabled for that role.
- Currently supports maximum 250 records for import in one API call for both Asset and Business app metadata.

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Asset Mgmt and Tagging v2 API

Certificate View API

Cloud Agent (CA) API

CloudView API

Container Security API

Continuous Monitoring (CM) API

Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR) API

File Integrity Monitoring (FIM) API v1

File Integrity Monitoring (FIM) API v2

Global AssetView/CyberSecurity Asset Management
API v1

Global AssetView/CyberSecurity Asset Management
API v2

Malware Detection (MD) API

Out-of-band Configuration Assessment (OCA) API v1

Out-of-band Configuration Assessment (OCA) API v2

- Use API v2 to import asset business metadata and business app metadata from your CMDB.

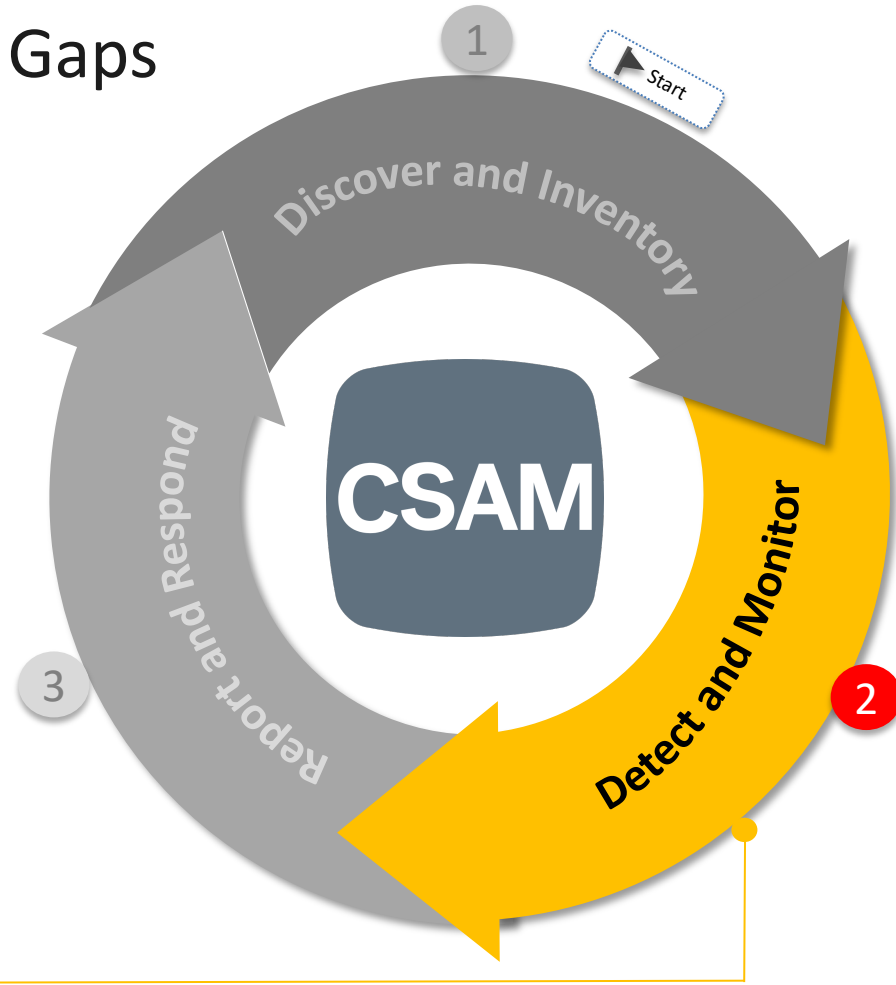
Detect and Monitor Security Gaps

Detect and Monitor Security Gaps

Asset Prioritization (Define Asset Criticality Score)

Product Lifecycle Management*
(EOL/EOS/Obsolete hardware and software automatically identified through enrichment in QCP)

Software Authorization*
(configure rules to identify authorized/unauthorized software)



Asset Criticality Score

Asset Criticality Score

Asset Criticality Score

This score represents the criticality of the asset to your business infrastructure.

Here, score 1 being the lowest criticality and 5 being the highest criticality assigned to an asset, when selected.

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☒ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

- User defined scores
- Configured and implemented through Asset Tags
- Scale of 1 to 5:
 - 5 = most critical
 - 1 = least critical

Asset Criticality Score

Qualys Cloud Platform

CyberSecurity Asset Management

HOME DASHBOARD **INVENTORY** TAGS NETWORK RULES

Managed **Assets** Software

9.64K
Total Assets

MANUFACTURER

Unidentified	7.84K
VMware	1.18K
Google	222
Microsoft	116
Amazon Web Ser...	83
32 more	

TAGS

All Assets	9.63K
OS: Windows 8.1 ...	9.63K
EOL OS	9.58K
Scanned in 180-D	8.47K
Scanned in 90-D	8.45K
45 more	

Asset Criticality Score

The highest score assigned to the asset via multiple tags is the asset criticality score of the asset.

Below are various scores assigned to the asset through multiple tags -
Calculated as of Aug 30 2021

ASSET TAGS	ASSET CRITICALITY SCORE
Data Center	4
Corp Website	5
Webserver	4
Type: Servers	3

Score is based on highest criticality

Default criticality score 2 applied if corresponding Asset Tags are not assigned any score

Website1
10.0.0.4,70.37.77.3
5

i-0aea72dcb918419ea
172.31.0.7
02:e8:50:96:df:aa
2

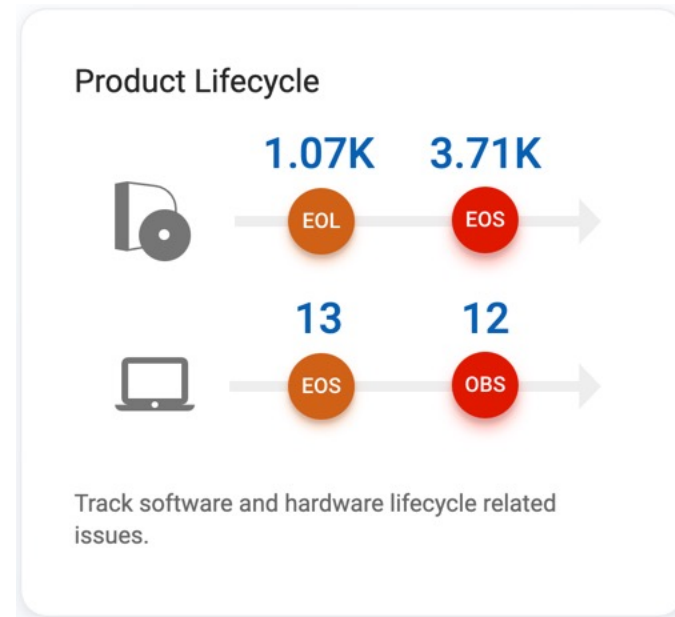
i-088f65df50ddfa7a
172.31.37.22
06:86:d0:22:6e:62
2

- An asset is scored by its tag with the highest criticality.
- Assets without scored tags will receive a default score of two (2).

Product Lifecycle Management

Product Lifecycle Information

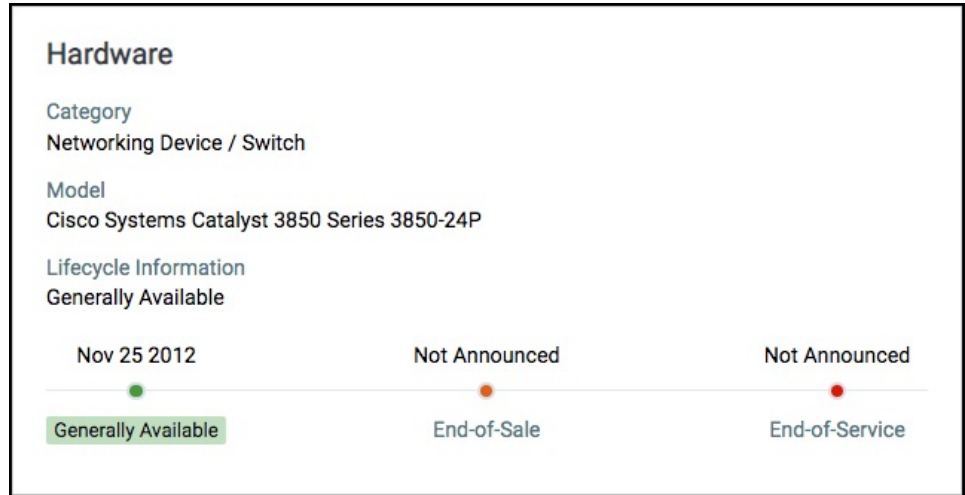
- Identify EOL/EOS software and hardware
- Secure your environment by eliminating unsupported software and hardware
- Plan hardware refresh and software upgrades



Hardware Lifecycle Stage

Search Token: `hardware.lifecycle.stage:` *value*

- **General Availability (GA)** - Hardware is in production, available for purchase, and supported
- **End of Sale (EOS)**- No longer being sold or by vendor
- **Obsolete (OBS)** - End-of-Service; no longer serviced via upgrades, patches, or maintenance



Hardware Lifecycle Search Tokens

Attribute	Examples	Search Token
lifecycle stage	"INTRO", "GA", "EOS", "OBS"	hardware.lifecycle.stage
Introduction date	Feb-2015	hardware.lifecycle.intro
General Availability date	Apr-21-2014	hardware.lifecycle.ga
End-of-Sale date	May-2016	hardware.lifecycle.eos
Obsolete date	Jun-2018	hardware.lifecycle.obs

- The 'lifecycle.stage' token is useful when searching for the present stage of an asset.
- Use the other 'lifecycle' tokens to search for future EOS, and OBS dates.

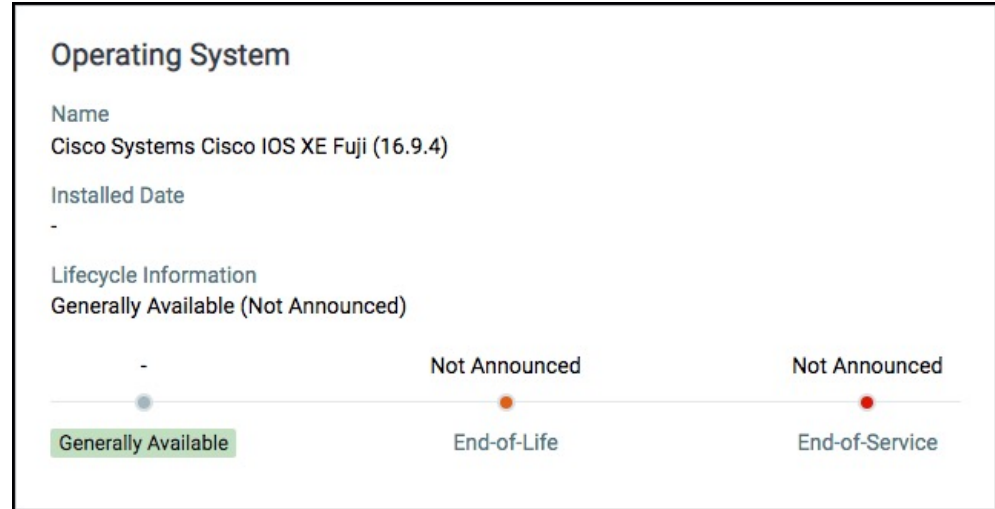
OS & Software Lifecycle Stages

Search Tokens:

`operatingSystem.lifecycle.stage: value`

`software:(lifecycle.stage: value)`

- **Generally Available (GA)** - When the product became available for purchase.
- **End-of-Life (EOL)** - No longer marketing, selling, building new features, or promoting product (Security patches may still be provided).
- **End-of-Service (EOS)** - No longer serviced via upgrades, patches, or maintenance.



OS Lifecycle Search Tokens

Attribute	Examples	Search Token
Lifecycle state	"GA", "EOL", "EOS"	operatingSystem.lifecycle.stage
Support Stage	"Premier", "Extended", "Obsolete"	
General Availability date	Feb-15-2008	operatingSystem.lifecycle.ga
End-of-Life date	Nov-23-2013	operatingSystem.lifecycle.eol
End-of-Support date	Jun-18-2015	operatingSystem.lifecycle.eos

- The 'lifecycle.stage' token is useful when searching for the present stage of an asset.
- Use the other 'lifecycle' tokens to search for future EOL and EOS dates.

Software Lifecycle Search Tokens

Attribute	Examples	Search Token
lifecycle stage	"Beta", "GA", "EOL", "EOS"	software:(lifecycle.stage:
General Availability date	Apr-21-2014	software:(lifecycle.ga:
End-of-Life date	May-2016	software:(lifecycle.eol:
End-of-Support date	Jun-2018	software:(lifecycle.eos:

- The 'lifecycle.stage' token is useful when searching for the present stage of an asset.
- Use the other 'lifecycle' tokens to search for future EOL and EOS dates.

Lab 5 : Product Lifecycle Management

Please consult pages 23 to 24 in the lab tutorial supplement for details.



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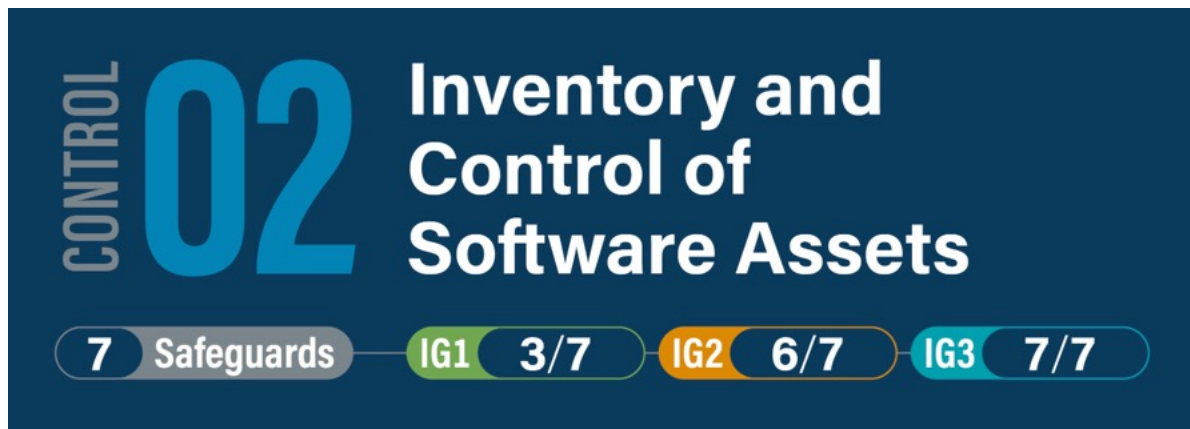
Authorized & Unauthorized Software

CIS Control 2: Inventory and Control of Software Assets



Overview

Actively manage (inventory, track, and correct) all software (operating systems and applications) on the network so that only authorized software is installed and can execute, and that unauthorized and unmanaged software is found and prevented from installation or execution.




<https://www.cisecurity.org/controls/inventory-and-control-of-software-assets/>

Software Rule Types


Select Software


Select the software to be included in the rule



Add Authorized Software 1


Select applications, releases, publishers or categories that are explicitly authorized in this environment.






Add Unauthorized Software 2


Select applications, releases, publishers or categories that are explicitly unauthorized in this environment.





Needs Review 3

Select applications, releases, publishers or categories that needs to be reviewed before marking as Authorized or Unauthorized.



- Create rules for authorized/unauthorized software and software that needs to be reviewed.

Lab 6: Software Authorization

Please consult pages 25 - 27 in the lab tutorial supplement for details.



Tutorial begins on page 25.

5 mins

Create Software Rules

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CyberSecurity Asset Management ▾ HOME DASHBOARD INVENTORY TAGS **RULES** RESPONSES

Software Rules

Actions (0) ▾ Reorder **Create Rule**

ORDER NUMBER	RULE
1	EOS Linux Agents Review all Linux agents less than
2	EOS Windows Agents Review Windows agent versions
3	Unauthorized Software Flag Wireshark as unauthorized

Assets **Software**

RELEASE	CATEGORY
Google Chrome 93.0.4577.82 Stable Channel	Network Application Internet Browser
Qualys Cloud Agent 4.4.1.7	Security Endpoint Management and Security
Microsoft Internet Information Services 94.0.992.3	Network Application Internet Browser
Apache Tomcat 9.0.52	Network Application Web Servers
Microsoft Internet Information Services 10.0	Network Application Web Servers
Qualys Cloud Agent 4.6.0.56	Security Endpoint Management and Security

- View, create and modify rules from the RULES section or the “Software” tab under the INVENTORY section.



Rule Precedence

Software Rules		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Actions (0) ▼	Reorder Create Rule Rules Software
ORDER NUMBER	RULE	STATUS
1	EOS Linux Agents Review all Linux agents less than version 2.6.	Enabled
2	EOS Windows Agents Review Windows agent versions less than 3.0.	Enabled
3	Unauthorized Software Flag Wireshark as unauthorized and Qualys Cloud Ag...	Enabled



- Rules at the top of the list have precedence over the rules below.
- Click the “Reorder” button to move rules higher or lower.

Software Authorization Tokens



- **AUTHORIZED**

 `software:(authorization:'Authorized')` 

- **UNAUTHORIZED**

 `software:(authorization:'Unauthorized')` 

- **NEEDS REVIEW**

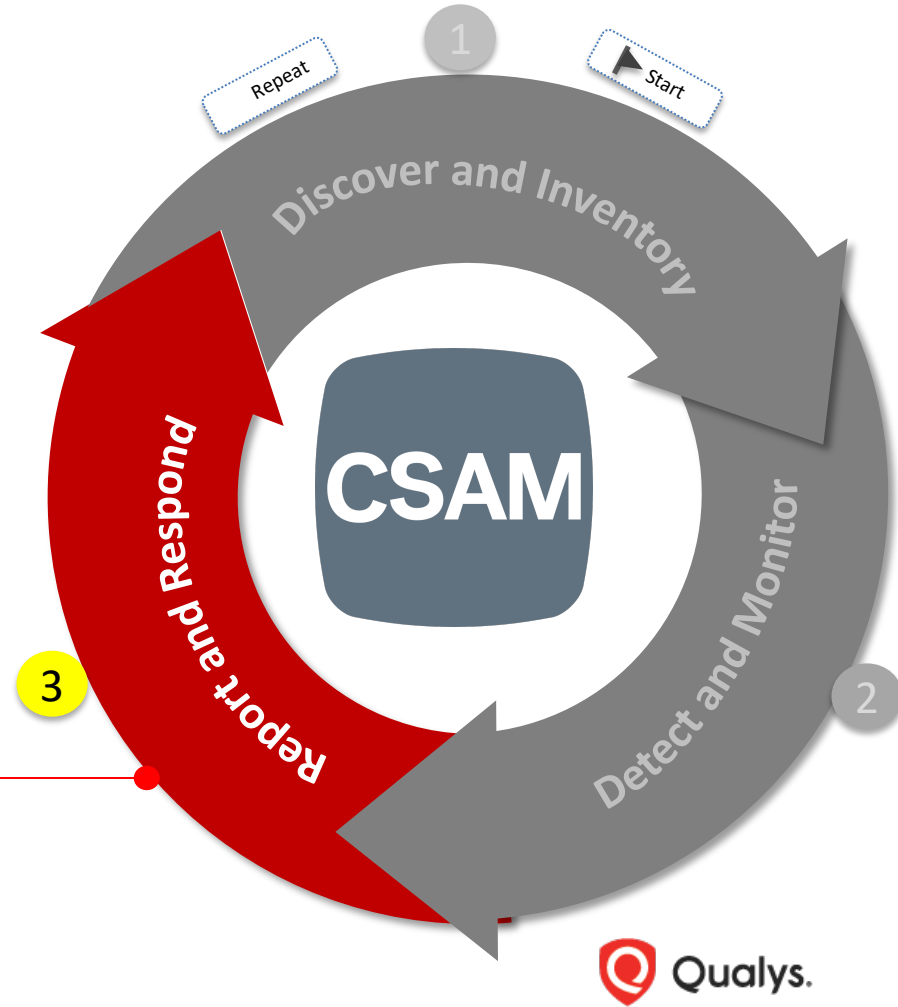
 `software:(authorization:'Needs Review')` 

- After creating software authorization rules, software authorization tokens can be used to search and query.

Report & Respond

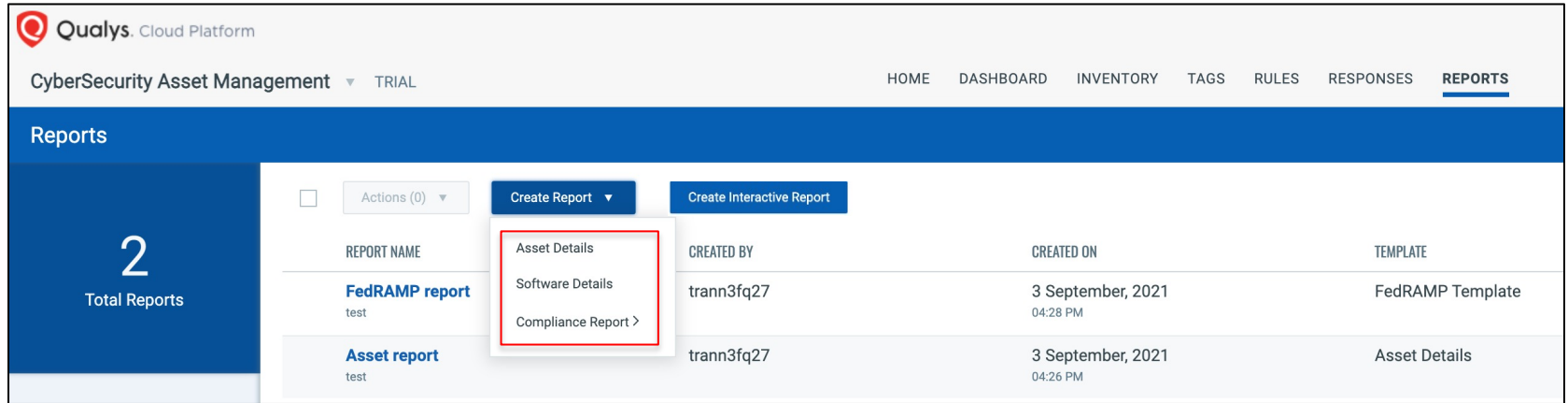
Report and Respond

- Visualize Data** (use dashboards to identify at risk assets)
- Reports** (configure reports for IT and compliance requirements)*
- Configure Rule-Based Alerts** (define criteria for alert notifications)*



Reports

Asset, Software and Compliance Reports



Qualys Cloud Platform

CyberSecurity Asset Management TRIAL

HOME DASHBOARD INVENTORY TAGS RULES RESPONSES **REPORTS**

Reports

2
Total Reports

Actions (0)

Create Report Create Interactive Report

REPORT NAME	CREATED BY	CREATED ON	TEMPLATE
FedRAMP report test	trann3fq27	3 September, 2021 04:28 PM	FedRAMP Template
Asset report test	trann3fq27	3 September, 2021 04:26 PM	Asset Details

- Custom Reports (.csv file format)
 - Asset Details (*host information*)
 - Software Details (*host and software information*)
 - FedRAMP Compliance (*host and software information as required by RedRAMP*)

Lab 7 : Asset, Software, and Compliance Reports

Please consult pages 28 to 30 in the lab tutorial supplement for details.



Tutorial begins on page 28.

10 mins

Display Options

Report Display

Select the columns you want to show in your report

Host Information

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asset ID	<input type="checkbox"/> Sources
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asset Host ID	<input type="checkbox"/> Last Logged On User
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asset Name	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOS Serial Number
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asset Type	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOS Asset Tag
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAC Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Is Container Host
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IP Address	<input type="checkbox"/> OS Category 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asset Time Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> OS Category 2
<input type="checkbox"/> NetBIOS Name	<input type="checkbox"/> OS Edition
<input type="checkbox"/> DNS Hostname	<input type="checkbox"/> OS Market Version
<input type="checkbox"/> Asset Agent Id	<input type="checkbox"/> OS Product URL
<input type="checkbox"/> Asset Created Date	<input type="checkbox"/> OS Product Family
<input type="checkbox"/> Asset Last Updated Date	<input type="checkbox"/> OS GA Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Last VM Scan Date	<input type="checkbox"/> OS EOL Date

Asset Report

Report Display

Select the columns you want to show in your report

Software Information

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Software Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Software Market Version	<input type="checkbox"/> Software Lifecycle Support Stage
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Software Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Software Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Software Lifecycle Stage
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Software Product	<input type="checkbox"/> Software Package Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Software Lifecycle Subcategory
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Software Version	<input type="checkbox"/> Software Support Stage Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Software Lifecycle Subcategory
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Software Update	<input type="checkbox"/> Software Lifecycle GA Date	<input type="checkbox"/> Software Lifecycle Subcategory
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Software Publisher	<input type="checkbox"/> Software Lifecycle EOL Date	<input type="checkbox"/> Software Lifecycle Subcategory
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Software Authorization Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Software Lifecycle EOS Date	<input type="checkbox"/> Software Lifecycle Subcategory
<input type="checkbox"/> Software Product Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Software Lifecycle Stage	<input type="checkbox"/> Is Software Component
<input type="checkbox"/> Software Category 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Software Lifecycle Confidence	<input type="checkbox"/> Is Software Component
<input type="checkbox"/> Software Category 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Software Lifecycle EOL Support Stage	<input type="checkbox"/> Is Software Component
<input type="checkbox"/> Software Component		
<input type="checkbox"/> Software Edition		

Software Report

Report Display

Select the columns you want to show in your report

☒ Select All

Software Information

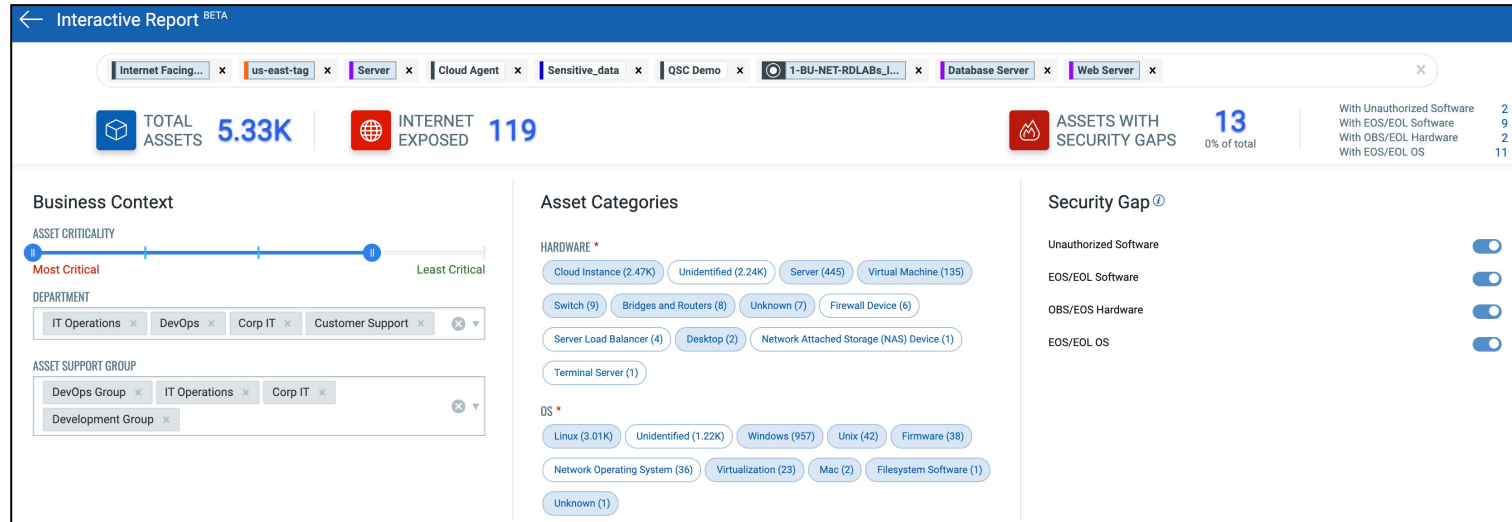
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Software/ Database Vendor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Software Lifecycle Stage
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Software/ Database Name & Version	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Software Lifecycle GA Date	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Software Lifecycle Confidence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patch Level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Software Lifecycle EOL Date	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Software Lifecycle EOL Support Stage
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Function	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Software Lifecycle EOS Date	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Software Lifecycle EOS Support Stage

FedRAMP Compliance Report

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Qualys Unique identifier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Location	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OS Lifecycle EOS Date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNIQUE ASSET IDENTIFIER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asset Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OS Lifecycle Stage
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IPv4 or IPv6 Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hardware Make/Model	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OS Lifecycle Confidence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virtual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Latest Scan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OS Lifecycle EOL Support Stage
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BIOS Asset Tag	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OS Lifecycle EOS Support Stage
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DNS Name or URL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BIOS Serial Number	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HW Lifecycle GA Date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NetBIOS Name	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VLAN/Network ID	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HW Lifecycle Intro Date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAC Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> System Administrator/ Owner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HW Lifecycle EOS Date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Authenticated Scan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application Administrator/ Owner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HW Lifecycle Obsolete Date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Configuration		

Selected attributes will be column headers in the report

Interactive Report



- Includes an interactive workflow to identify and list issues and security gaps (obsolete hardware, EOL/EOS software, unauthorized software, etc.).

Lab 8 : Interactive Reports

Please consult pages 31 to 33 in the lab tutorial supplement for details.

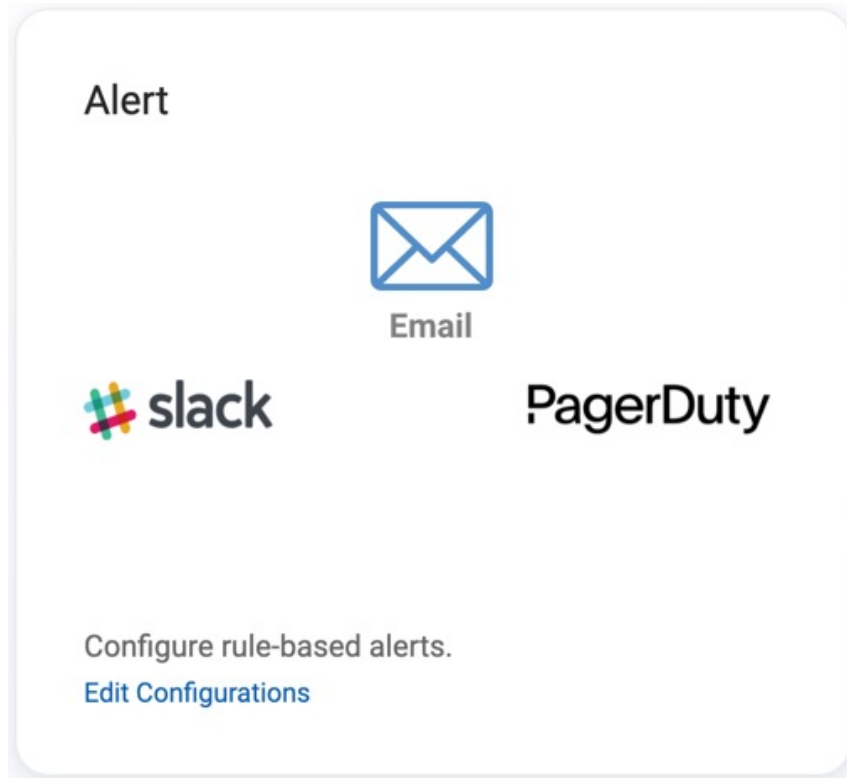


Tutorial begins on page 31.

10 mins

Rule-Based Alerts

Alert Actions



- Receive alert notifications via Email, Slack, and PagerDuty.
- Alert Rules are evaluated when host inventory is updated.
- One or more actions must be defined prior to creating Alert Rules.

Lab 9 : Rule-Based Alerts

Please consult pages 34 to 37 in the lab tutorial supplement for details.



Tutorial begins on page 34.

10 mins

Rule Query

- The Rule Query specifies the criteria for triggering an alert action.

Rule Query

Provide a query to match particular source that will trigger the alert

Rule Query *

× software:(authorization:`Unauthorized` and firstFound:[now-1d ... now]) ?

[Sample Queries](#) [Test Query](#)

- Sample queries are provided to get you started.
- Immediately notify your operational teams when critical or suspicious events are monitored:
 - Unauthorized software discovered
 - Assets reaching EOS dates
 - Insufficient storage space on host
 - Malicious software discovered
 - and more...

Insert Tokens

Insert tokens into the message body to include useful asset information and details in the alert:

- Asset Criticality Score
- Last Logged On User
- AWS, Azure, and GCP metadata
- Hardware and OS categories
- and more...

Action Settings

Choose an appropriate alert action

Actions *

Email action to alert for unauthorized software x

✉ Email action to alert for unauthorized software

Recipient *

vkamat@qualys.com

Subject *

Unauthorized software alert

Message *

Insert token ▼

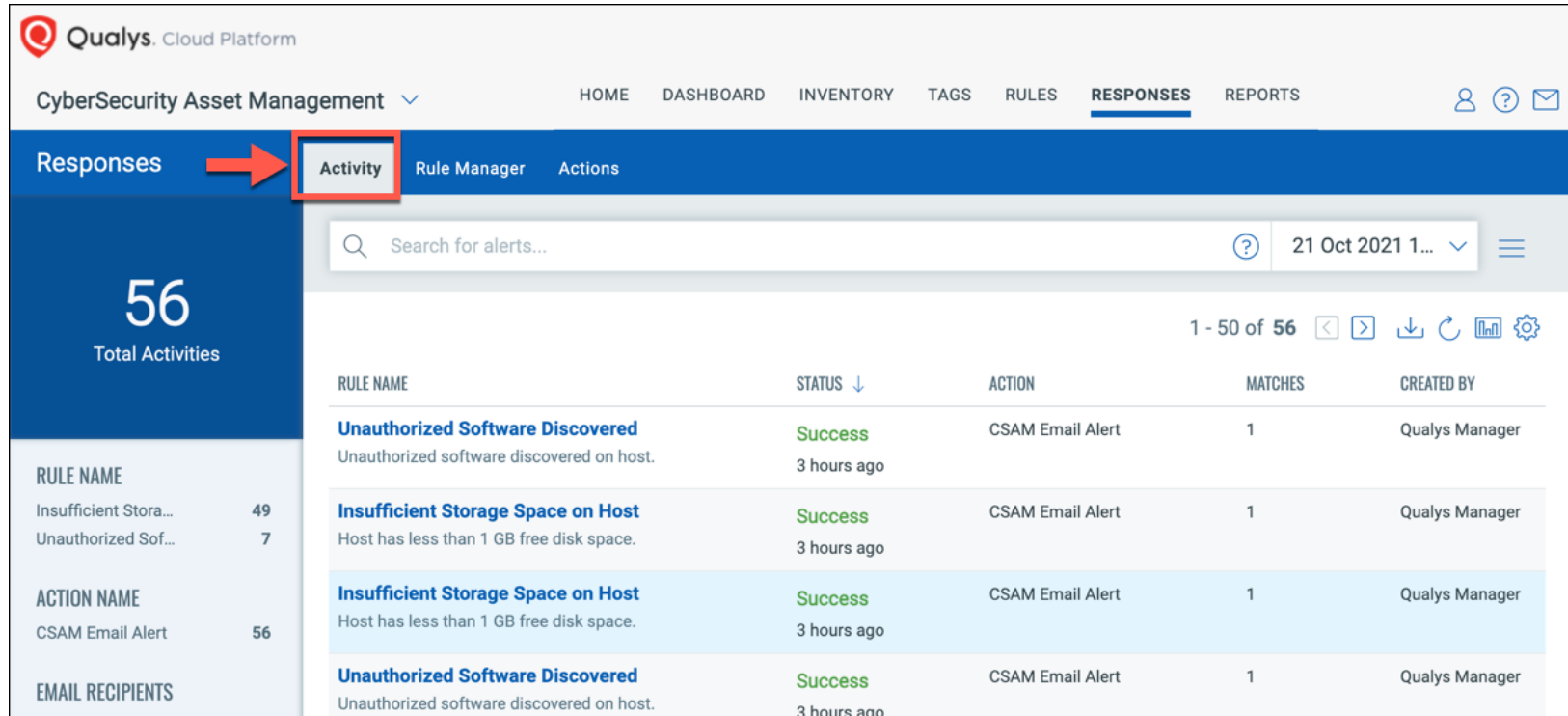
We found the following Unauthorized software:

`${operatingSystem}`
`${asset.criticalityScore}`
`${provider}`

`${asset.assetID}`
`${asset.created}`
`${asset.criticalityScore}`
`${asset.lastLocation}`
`${asset.lastLoggedInUser}`
`${asset.lastUpdated}`
`${asset.name}`
`${asset.netbiosName}`
`${asset.trackingMethod}`
`${aws.ec2.accountId}`
`${aws.ec2.availabilityZone}`
`${aws.ec2.imageId}`

151/5000 characters remaining

Alert Activity



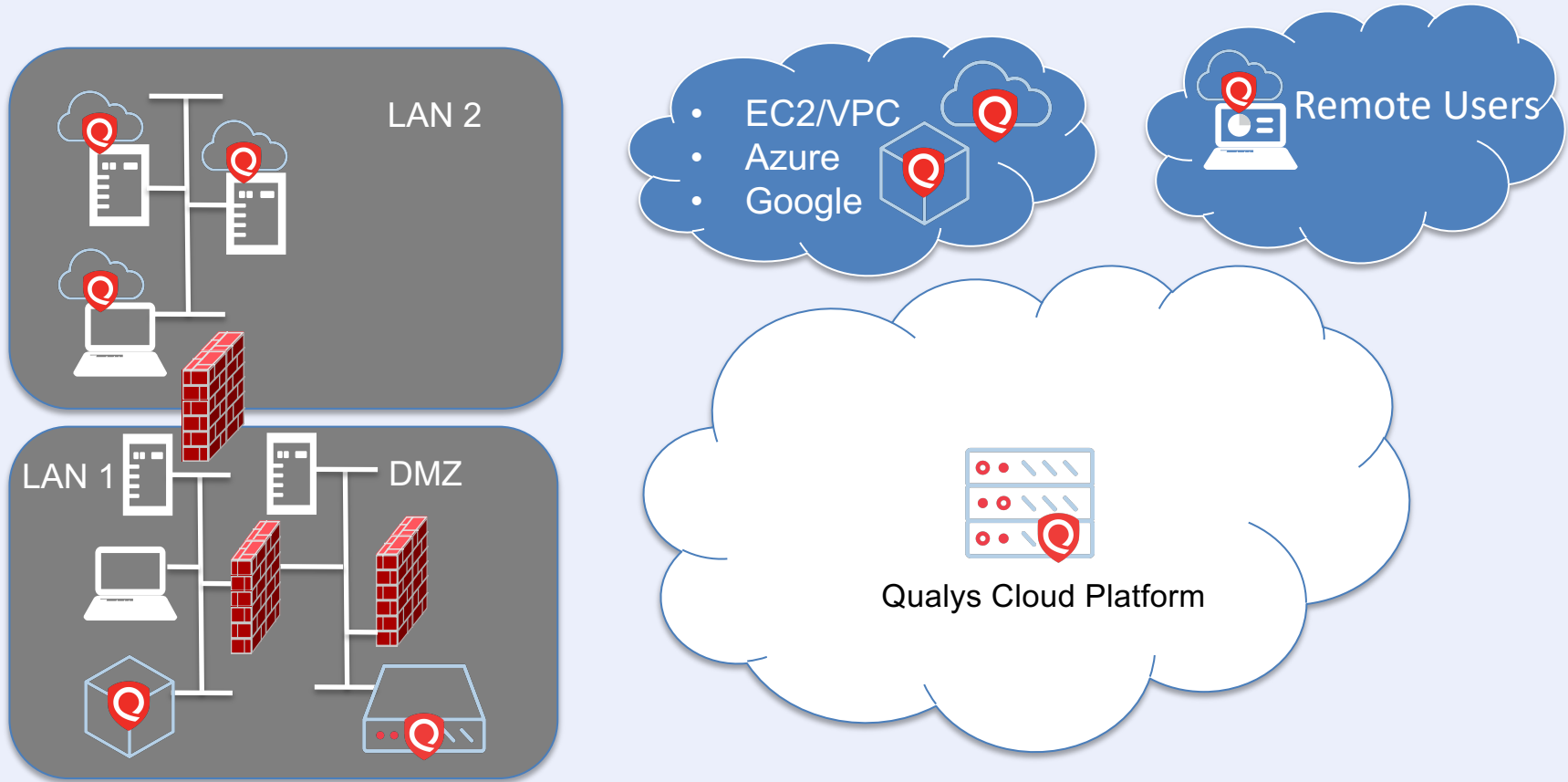
The screenshot shows the Qualys Cloud Platform interface. The top navigation bar includes 'CyberSecurity Asset Management' and tabs for 'HOME', 'DASHBOARD', 'INVENTORY', 'TAGS', 'RULES', 'RESPONSES' (selected), and 'REPORTS'. The 'Responses' section has a sub-header with 'Responses', 'Activity' (highlighted with a red box and arrow), 'Rule Manager', and 'Actions'. On the left, a sidebar shows '56 Total Activities' and a list of rule names and action names. The main area displays a table of alert activities.

RULE NAME	STATUS ↓	ACTION	MATCHES	CREATED BY
Unauthorized Software Discovered Unauthorized software discovered on host.	Success 3 hours ago	CSAM Email Alert	1	Qualys Manager
Insufficient Storage Space on Host Host has less than 1 GB free disk space.	Success 3 hours ago	CSAM Email Alert	1	Qualys Manager
Insufficient Storage Space on Host Host has less than 1 GB free disk space.	Success 3 hours ago	CSAM Email Alert	1	Qualys Manager
Unauthorized Software Discovered Unauthorized software discovered on host.	Success 3 hours ago	CSAM Email Alert	1	Qualys Manager

- Monitor alert activity under the “Activity” tab.




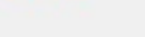

Vulnerability Management

VM Sensors



Vulnerability Findings

- Industry-leading vulnerability KnowledgeBase with tens-of-thousands of vulnerability signatures.
- Each vulnerability is ranked and associated with:
 - Qualys Severity Level
 - CVSS Score
 - CVE & Bugtraq IDs
 - Available Patches
 - Known Threats
 - Associated Malware
 - and more...
- An unlimited number of ways to identify, prioritize, and patch vulnerabilities.

Severity	Level
	Minimal
	Medium
	Serious
	Critical
	Urgent


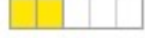
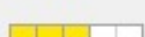
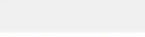
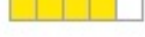
1

2

3

4

5

Severity	Level
	Minimal
	Medium
	Serious
	Critical
	Urgent

Lab 10 : Vulnerability Findings

Please consult pages 38 to 40 in the lab tutorial supplement for details.



Tutorial begins on page 39.

5 mins

Vulnerability Findings In CSAM

Asset Details: ws2016dfw242

INVENTORY

- Asset Summary
- System Information
- Network Information
- Open Ports
- Installed Software
- Traffic Summary

SECURITY

- Vulnerabilities**
- VMDR Prioritization
- Patch Management
- Certificates

Vulnerabilities

Search: vulnerabilities.severity:[5] and vulnerabilities.typeDetected:[Confirmed]

9 Vulnerabilities

1 - 9 of 9

QID	TITLE	SEVERITY	
91591	Microsoft Windows Security Update for December 2019 Active	■■■■■	Patch Now
91598	Microsoft .NET Framework Security Updates for January 2020 Active	■■■■■	Patch Now
100400	Microsoft Internet Explorer Remote Code Execution Vulnerability (AD... Active	■■■■■	Add to New Job Add to Existing Job View Missing Patches
100402	Microsoft Internet Explorer Security Update for March 2020 Active	■■■■■	
91609	Microsoft Windows Security Update for March 2020 Active	■■■■■	Patch Now
97445	Microsoft Windows Security Update for June 2020	■■■■■	Patch Now

Build Patch Jobs from Global IT Asset Inventory.

- View and patch vulnerability findings from within CyberSecurity Asset Management (on a per asset basis).

Vulnerability Findings in VMDR

Qualys Cloud Platform

VMDR TRIAL

DASHBOARD **VULNERABILITIES** PRIORITIZATION SCANS REPORTS

Vulnerabilities

66
Total Detections

Vulnerability	Asset
<input type="checkbox"/> vulnerabilities.vulnerability.qualysPatchable:TRUE	<input type="checkbox"/> tags.name: 'Cloud Agent' and activatedForModules:PM

☒ Actions (50) ☐ Asset ☒ Vulnerability Group by ... Filters

☒ View Missing Patches

ID	Description	Status
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 372508	Oracle Java SE Critical Patch Update - April 2020	Active
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 374827	Mozilla Firefox Multiple Vulnerabilities (MFSA2021-01)	Active
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 374576	Mozilla Firefox Multiple Vulnerabilities (MFSA2020-54)	Active

CATEGORY


Category	Count
Local	41
Windows	19

Which ones are patchable?

1. Detected vulnerabilities must be associated with one or more patches found in the Qualys Patch Catalog
2. Detection Host must be running the Qualys Cloud Agent
3. Cloud Agent must have the PM module activated

Dashboards & Widgets

Out-of-Box Dashboard Templates



← Dashboard Templates

Add or Customize Dashboard templates

OR [+ Build from Scratch](#)

All (77)

CSAM (4)

Policy Compliance (1)

Unified Dashboard (35)

VMDR (16)


Web Application Firewall (1)

File Integrity Monitoring (6)

EDR (5)

Container Sec...

RansomWare (RW) Attack Ve...

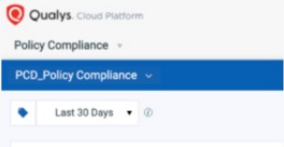


Ransomware Attack Vectors Dashboard provides high visibility into your Software and EOL/EOS...

Created By: Qualys

[Use template](#)

Policy Compliance




This dashboard provides Policy Compliance widget details.

Created By: Qualys

[Use template](#)

RansomWare (RW) Exposure




This Dashboard will enable any organization to have visibility into your RansomWare Exposure...

Created By: Qualys

[Use template](#)

Patch Efficiency - VULNs Sev...

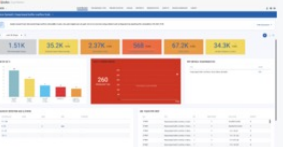


Patch Efficiency for vulnerabilities of Severity 3-5 This dashboard shows Patch Efficiency. It should...

Created By: Qualys

[Use template](#)

Baron Samedit|Heap-based b...



Qualys research team discovered heap overflow vulnerability in sudo. Any unprivileged user can...

Created By: Qualys

[Use template](#)

Widget Types



Dashboard widgets can be designed to display query results as counts, tables, columns, or pie charts.

Lab 11 : Dashboards & Widgets

Please consult pages 41 to 44 in the lab tutorial supplement for details.



Tutorial begins on page 41.

5 mins

Count Widget

- The “Count Widget” can be configured to automatically change color, when specific conditions or thresholds are met.

The image shows the configuration interface for a 'Count Widget' on the left and its rendered output on the right. The configuration interface includes fields for the widget name, representation (Regular/Summary), display results (Asset/Vulnerability), count/ratio selection, two queries with filters, a comparison label, and a set of assets. The rendered output shows a red widget titled 'PERCENTAGE OF HIGH SEVERITY VULNERABILITIES' displaying '3.38K' vs '3.60K (94%)' with a '94.07%' change. A red box highlights a rule in the 'Widget Rules' section: 'When the value of the comparison percentage is greater than 50% highlight in [red color]'.

Configuration Interface:

- Name: Percentage of High Severity Vulnerabilities
- Widget Representation: Regular (selected), Summary
- Show description on widget: ☐
- Display results as: Asset, Vulnerability (selected)
- Count (selected), Ratio
- Query 1: Vulnerability, vulnerabilities.severity:[3,4,5]
- Compare with another reference query: ☒
- Query 2: Vulnerability, vulnerabilities.severity:[1,2,3,4,5]
- Comparison Label: All Vulnerabilities (i.e., all severities)
- This set of Assets represent: A superset (contains all the assets from initial query)

Rendered Output:

PERCENTAGE OF HIGH SEVERITY VULNERABILITIES

3.38K
vs All Vulnerabilities
3.60K (94%)
▼ 94.07%

Widget preferences
Choose a base color for the widget. This color will be displayed by default if no rules are set

Set Base Color: [Red]

When clicked navigate to: the targeted vulnerabilities search (grouped)

Widget Rules
Set rules and associated widget color. The widget color will be changed based on the condition satisfied for configured rules.

When the value of the comparison percentage is greater than 50% highlight in [Red]

+ Add another rule

Enable Trending in Widgets

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Widget (VM)' interface in the Qualys Cloud Platform. The interface is divided into two main sections: 'Query 1' and 'Query 2'. 'Query 1' has a dropdown menu set to 'Vulnerability' and a search bar containing 'vulnerabilities.status:REOPENED'. Below this, there is a checkbox labeled 'Compare with another reference query' which is checked. 'Query 2' also has a dropdown menu set to 'Vulnerability' and a search bar containing 'vulnerabilities.status:[NEW,ACTIVE,REOPENED]'. At the bottom, there is a section titled 'Additional Options' which is highlighted with a red border. Inside this section, the checkbox 'Enable Trending' is checked. Below this checkbox, a light blue box contains the text: 'This widget will store its results each day for up to 90 days. The results will be plotted on a graph so that the data may be analyzed to identify trends.'

2021

539

↑ 139.56%

showing last 91 days

0 7/13 Today

- Visualize changes or swings in momentum or progress.
- When enabled, widgets can store trend data for up to 90 days.
- Trend lines plotted on a graph are added to the widget.

Dashboard Tags

Edit Dashboard

User Edit: Bob Slydell (quays2bs38) Turn help tips: On | Off

Edit Mode

- User Details
- Profile Settings
- Roles And Scopes**
- Action Log
- Account Activity

Edit role(s) and scope

☐ **Allow user full permissions and scope** (The user will have full access to everything)

Each role grants you a set of permissions that will apply to the objects you have access to.

New role Search unassigned roles

Assigned roles	Remove all
AUDITOR	Remove
CA API Access	Remove
CA MANAGER	Remove
CA UI Access	Remove
CM User	Remove

Unassigned roles	Add all
ADMINISTRATOR	Add
CLOUDVIEW User	Add
CONTACT	Add
CSAM Manager	Add
CSAM User	Add

Edit Scope

☐ **Allow user view access to all objects** (Other permissions are granted by the user's roles)

Define what assets the user can access by tags.

Global Scope Select | Create | Remove All

Default Dashboard... X

☐ Exclude Agent assets from IP Range Tags

- Add one or more Asset Tags through the Dashboard Editor.
- The “Default Dashboard Access Tag” is created by Qualys.

Default Dashboard Access Tag

- Share dashboards with other Qualys users by assigning “dashboard” tag(s) to their accounts.

Threat Detection & Prioritization

VMDR Threat Feed

The screenshot shows the Qualys Cloud Platform VMDR interface. The top navigation bar includes 'DASHBOARD', 'VULNERABILITIES', 'PRIORITIZATION' (selected), 'KNOWLEDGEBASE', and 'USER'. The 'PRIORITIZATION' section has sub-tabs for 'Prioritization', 'Reports', and 'Threat Feed'. A search bar at the top right is annotated with a red box and the text 'Search for threats by category, content, or publish date.' Below the search bar, a filter box labeled 'Impacted Assets' is shown. The main content area displays three threat feeds: 'HIGH RATED FEED 429', 'MEDIUM / LOW RATED FEED 59', and 'FAVORITES 5'. The 'HIGH RATED FEED' shows two threats: 'Microsoft Windows security update for October 2021...' (High severity, 2 days ago, 6 impacted assets) and 'Apple releases emergency update to address the arbitrar...' (High severity, 3 days ago, 0 impacted assets). The 'MEDIUM / LOW RATED FEED' shows one threat: 'Backdoor Account in Zyxel Products (CVE-2020-29583)' (Low severity, January 3, 2021, 0 impacted assets). A red box and arrow point to the '6 Impacted Assets' link in the first threat, with the annotation 'Click to view impacted assets within your subscription'. The 'FAVORITES' section shows one threat: 'Microsoft Windows N...' (High severity, 0 impacted assets).

Search for threats by content, category or publish date and click to view impacted assets.

Threat Feed Sources

Exploit Sources

Source Type	Data Type
Core Security	PoC Exploits mapped to CVEs
Exploit-DB	PoC Exploits mapped to CVEs
Metasploit	PoC Exploits mapped to CVEs
Contagio Dump	Exploit Kits mapped to CVEs
Immunity - Agora - Dsquare - Enable Security - White Phosphorus	PoC Exploits mapped to CVEs
Google Project Zero	Zero-Days mapped to CVEs

Malware Sources

Source Type	Data Type
Reversing Labs	CVEs associated with malware
Trend Micro	Malware names associated with CVEs
McAfee	Ransomware mapped to CVEs

- The Qualys Threat and Malware research team leverages exploit and malware data from multiple sources.

VMDR Prioritization Report



Welcome to VMDR Prioritization

Prioritize your remediation activities by adding threat intelligence and asset context to your vulnerabilities



Prioritize vulnerabilities by:

- Asset Context
- Vulnerability Age
- Threat Intelligence
- Attack Surface

Lab 12: VMDR Prioritization Report

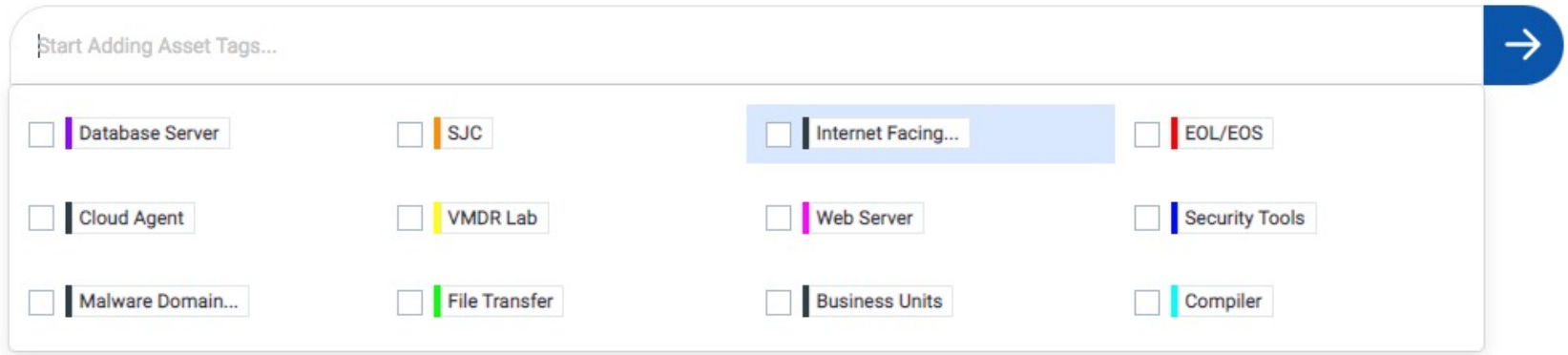
Please consult pages 46 to 51 in the lab tutorial supplement for details.



Tutorial begins on page 46.

5 min.

Asset Tags Add Context

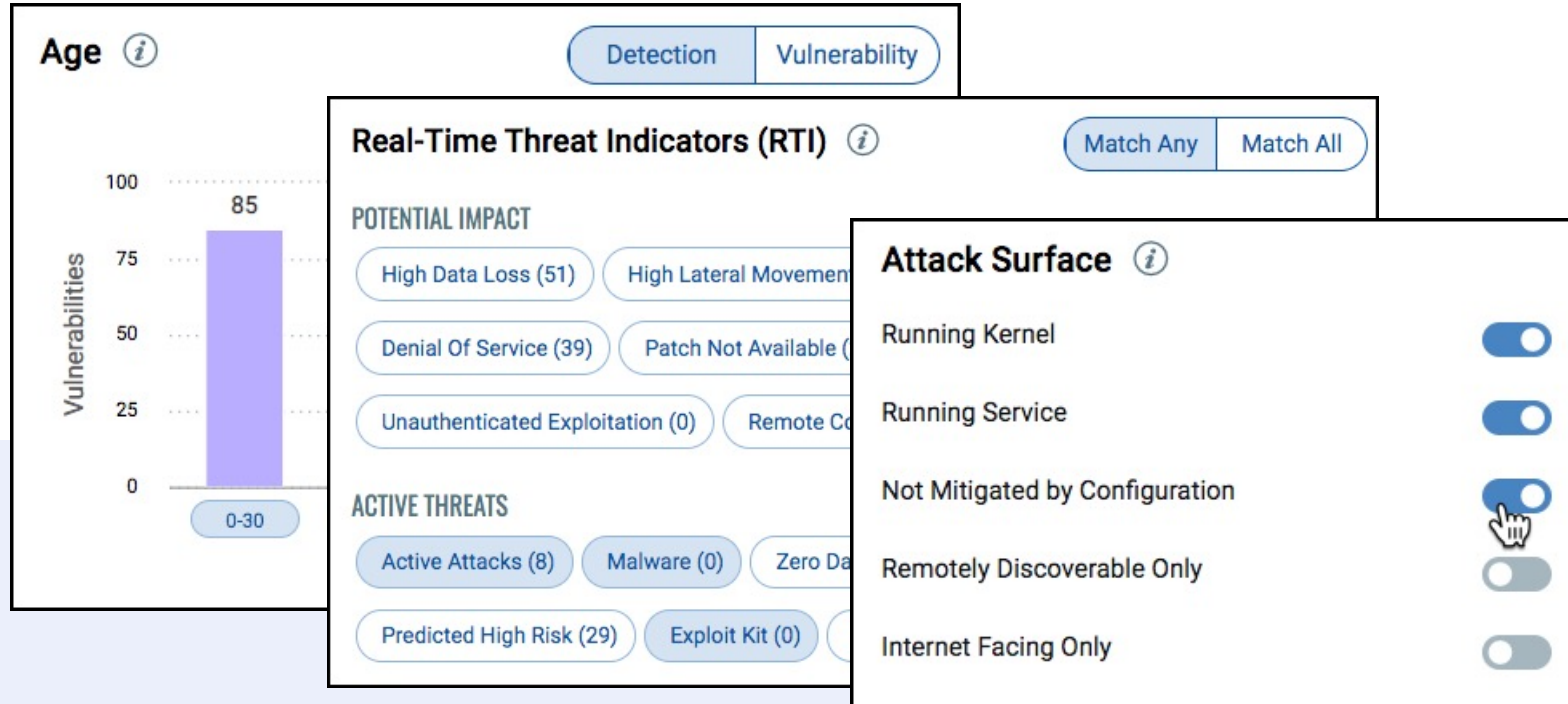


The screenshot shows a user interface for adding asset tags. At the top, there is a header bar with the text "Start Adding Asset Tags..." and a blue button with a white right-pointing arrow. Below the header, there is a grid of asset tags. Each tag consists of a small square checkbox followed by a colored vertical bar and the tag name. The tags are arranged in three rows and four columns. The tag "Internet Facing..." in the first row, third column is highlighted with a light blue background. The tags are: Database Server (purple bar), SJC (orange bar), Internet Facing... (blue bar), EOL/EOS (red bar), Cloud Agent (black bar), VMDR Lab (yellow bar), Web Server (pink bar), Security Tools (dark blue bar), Malware Domain... (black bar), File Transfer (green bar), Business Units (black bar), and Compiler (cyan bar).

Asset Tag	Color
Database Server	Purple
SJC	Orange
Internet Facing...	Blue
EOL/EOS	Red
Cloud Agent	Black
VMDR Lab	Yellow
Web Server	Pink
Security Tools	Dark Blue
Malware Domain...	Black
File Transfer	Green
Business Units	Black
Compiler	Cyan

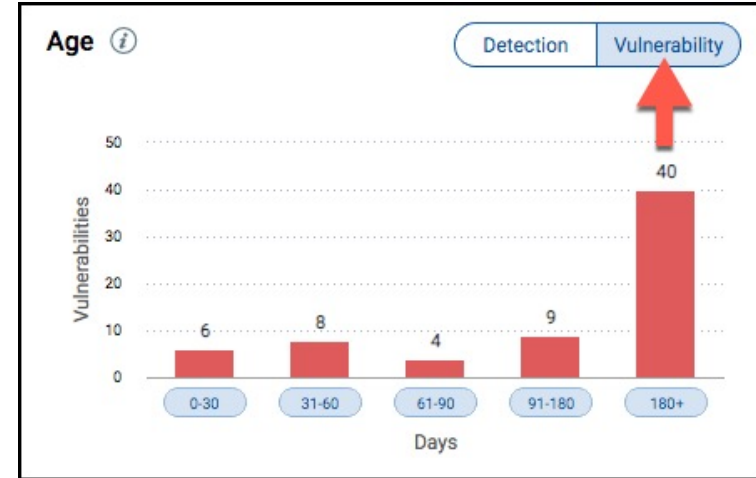
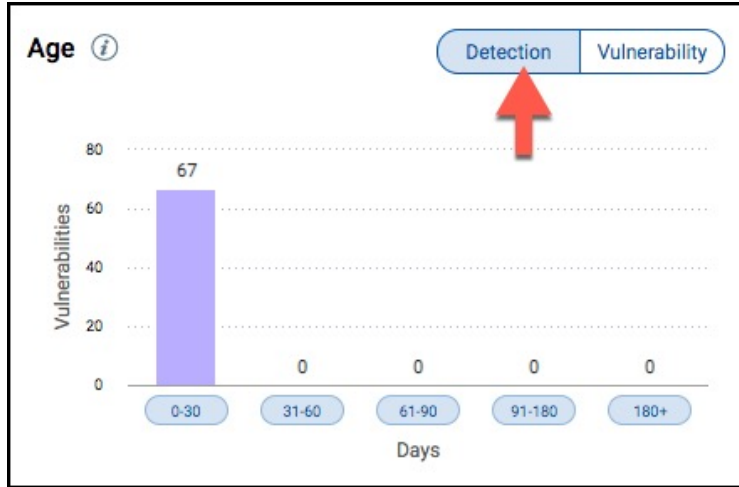
- Design and build Asset Tags that help to distinguish the “context” of your assets.
- Leverage tags that use the “Asset Inventory” rule engine, along with 1) **hardware**, 2) **software**, and 3) **OS** categories.

Priority Options



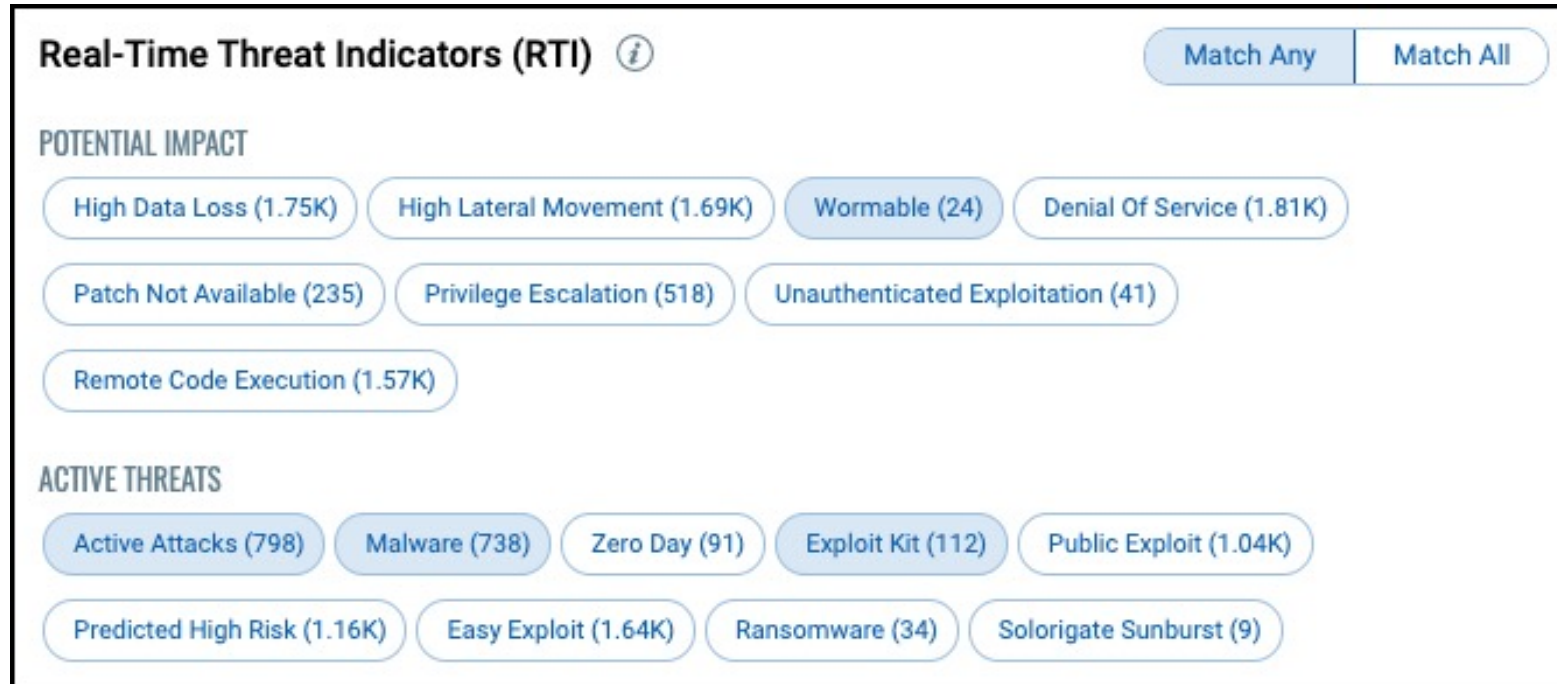
Prioritize discovered vulnerabilities by Age, RTIs, and Attack Surface.

Age



- **Detection Age** – reflects the number of days since you first detected the vulnerability (e.g., by Qualys scanner or Cloud Agent).
- **Vulnerability Age** – (i.e., real age) reflects the number days since Qualys published the vulnerability to our KnowledgeBase.

Real-Time Threat Indicators (RTI)



- Provided by VMDR Threat Feed.

Attack Surface

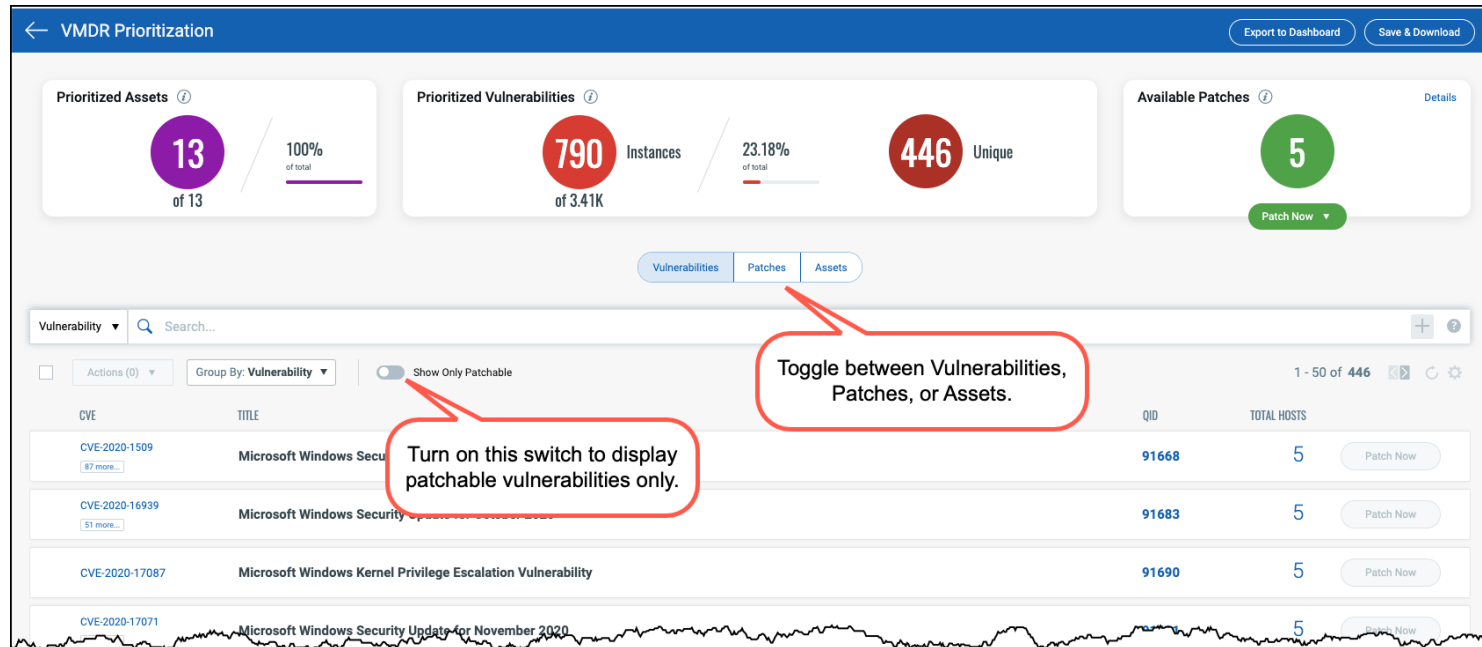
Attack Surface ⓘ

Running Kernel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Running Service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Not Mitigated by Configuration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Remotely Discoverable Only	<input type="checkbox"/>
Internet Facing Only	<input type="checkbox"/>

Continue to define asset context with “Attack Surface” options.

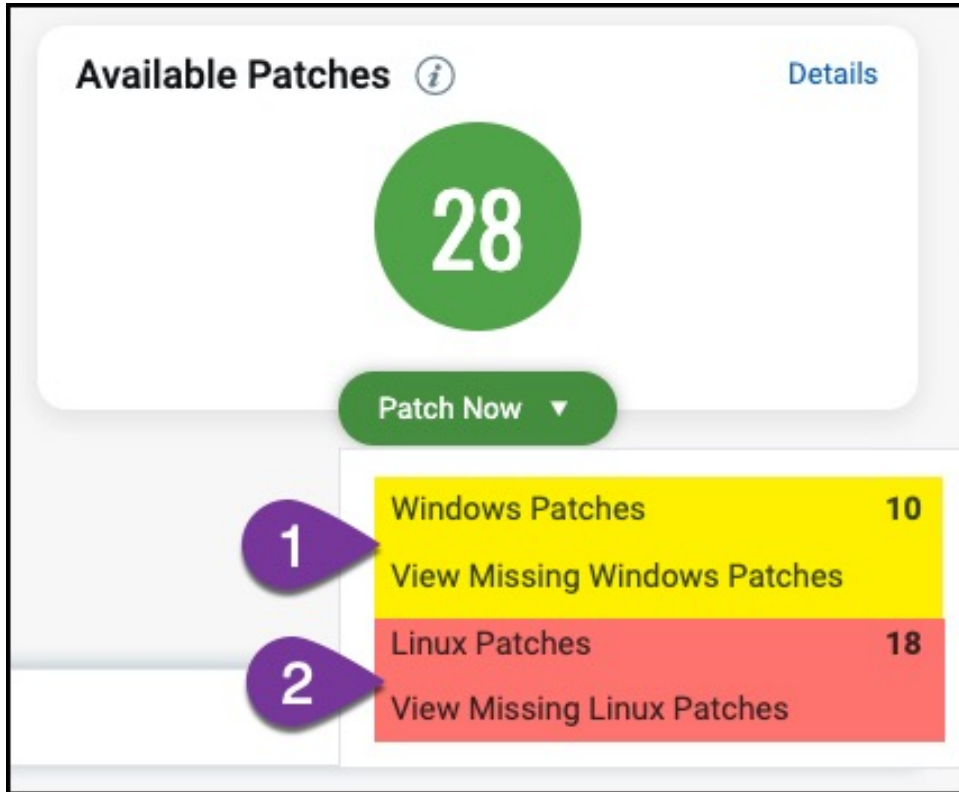
Deploy Priority Patches

Prioritize Now



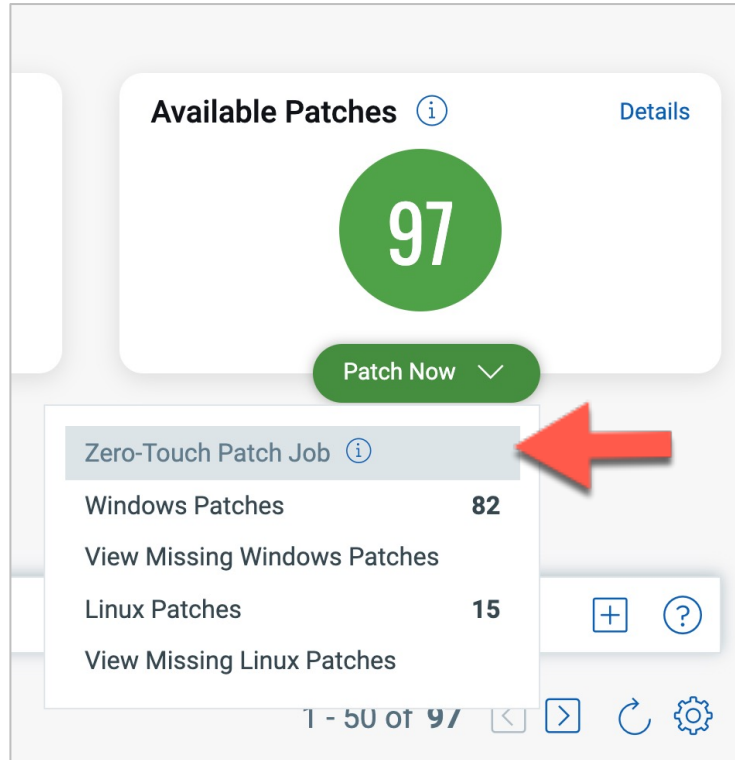
Patchable assets have Cloud Agent installed and Patch Management activated.

Windows & Linux Patches



1. Available patches provided for Windows hosts.
2. Available patches provide for Linux hosts.

Zero-Touch Patch Job



- Select the “Zero-Touch Patch Job” option from the VMDR Prioritization Report.
- Patches are not selected individually, but instead are targeted using a query.
- Schedule patch jobs to recur daily, weekly, or monthly.
- Specific patching use-cases are ideal for “Zero-Touch” patching.

Lab 13 : Zero-Touch Patch Job

Please consult page 50 in the lab tutorial supplement for details.



Tutorials begins on page 50.

5 min.

Automated Patch Selection

Create: Windows Deployment Job

STEPS 4/9

- 1 Basic Information
- 2 Select Assets
- 3 Select Pre-actions
- 4 Select Patches
- 5 Select Post-actions
- 6 Schedule
- 7 Options

Select Patches

Choose the patches you want to install for the selected assets or create a query to automate the job.

☐ Manual Patch Selection
Select manually from the available list of patches.

☒ Automated Patch Selection
Define QQL to automatically identify patches to remediate current and future vulnerabilities every time the job runs.

Vulnerability

X

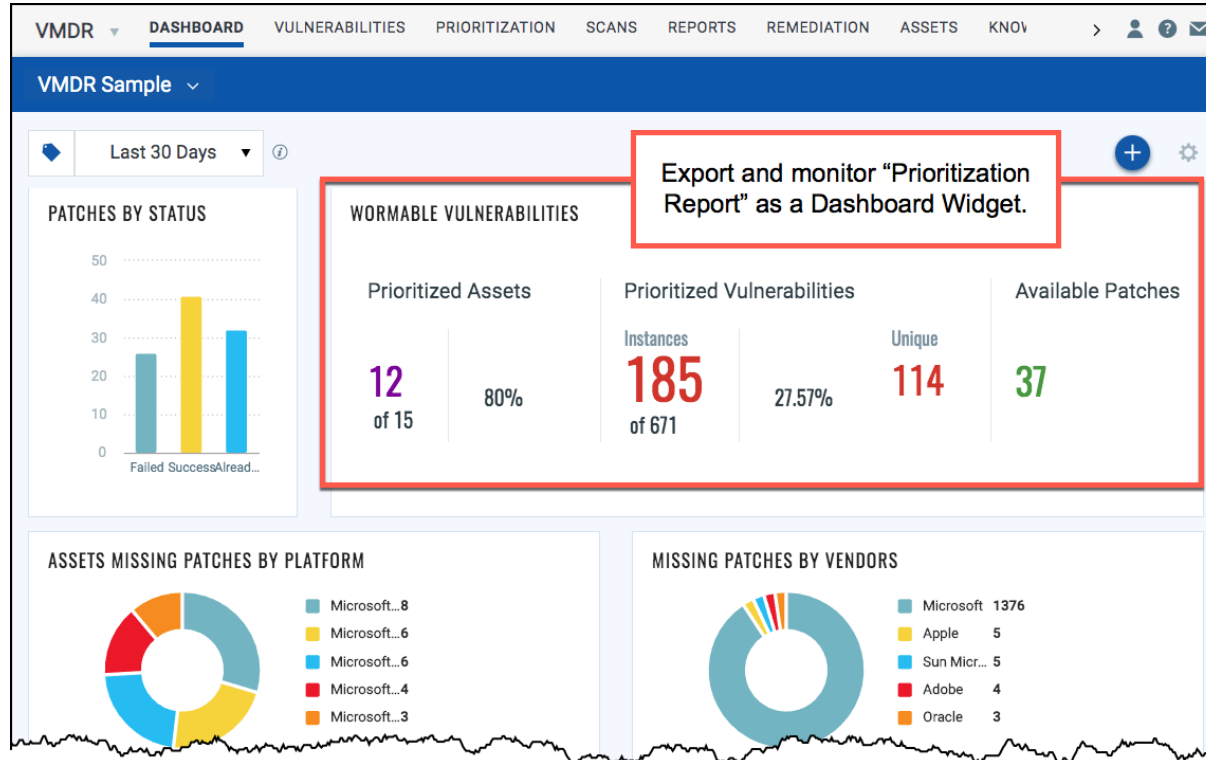
`(vulnerabilities.vulnerability:(threatIntel.malware:True or threatIntel.activeAttacks:`

Note: For optimum performance, only missing and non-superseded patches that match the QQL criteria will be added to the job.

Patches that meet the query condition are added to the deployment job, automatically.

- The query is generated from the options (Age, RTIs, and Attack Surface) selected in the Prioritization Report.

Export to Dashboard



Results will be continuously updated within the Dashboard Widget.

Patch Management

Patch Management Overview

- Automatically correlates discovered vulnerabilities with their required patches
- Leverage existing Qualys Cloud Agents to deploy and uninstall patches
- Provides OS and Application patches, including patches from third-party software vendors (e.g., Adobe, Java, Google, Mozilla, Microsoft, etc...)

Patch Management Overview (cont.)

- Available for Windows, CentOS 6/7, and RHEL 6/7/8
- Provides patching just about anywhere an Internet connection is available (e.g., airports, coffee shops, remote offices, etc...)
- Qualys Agents determine which patches are missing or required and can identify superseded patches
- Build patch jobs that target specific vulnerabilities, severity levels, and known threats

Patch Sources

OS and Application Patches come from:

- Vendor Global CDNs (e.g., Oracle, Adobe, Microsoft, Apache, Google, etc...)
- YUM repositories (Linux)
- Local repository (i.e., Qualys Gateway Server)
 - Patch downloads requested by one agent, are cached on QGS and made available “locally” for other agents that need the same patch.
 - QGS also provides a cache for manifests and agent binaries

Qualys PM Workflow

CA

1. Install Cloud Agent on target host.

CA

2. Assign target agent host to a CA Configuration Profile that has PM configuration enabled.

CA

3. Activate PM module on target agent host.

PM

4. Assign target agent host to an enabled Assessment Profile.

PM

5. Allocate patching licenses.

PM

6. Create Patch Jobs.

Configuration Profile



The screenshot shows the 'Configuration Profile Edit' window. On the left is a sidebar with 'Edit Mode' categories: General Info, Blackout Windows, Performance, Assign Hosts, Agent Scan Merge, VM Scan Interval, PC Scan Interval, SCA Scan Interval, FIM, EDR, and PM. The 'PM' category is highlighted with a red box. The main area is titled 'Patch Management' and contains two sections. The first section, 'Enable PM module for this profile', has a toggle switch set to 'ON', with a red arrow pointing to it. The second section, 'Configuration', has a sub-header 'These settings define operational setting for the agent' and a 'Cache size' setting. The 'Cache size' is set to '2048 MB (512 - 10240)', with a red arrow pointing to the input field. Below this, there is an unchecked checkbox for 'Unlimited'. A red-bordered box contains the text: 'PM configuration is enable by default for all new Configuration Profiles.' At the bottom are 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons.

Configuration Profile Edit

Turn help tips: On | Off

Edit Mode

- General Info
- Blackout Windows
- Performance
- Assign Hosts
- Agent Scan Merge
- VM Scan Interval
- PC Scan Interval
- SCA Scan Interval
- FIM
- EDR
- PM**

Patch Management

Enable PM module for this profile ☒ ON

Configuration
These settings define operational setting for the agent

Cache size 2048 MB (512 - 10240) ☐ Unlimited

PM configuration is enable by default for all new Configuration Profiles.

Cancel Save

- Presently, PM has one agent configuration setting.
- Set “Cache size” to at least 2048 MB, to accommodate Windows Updates.

Activate PM Module for Target Host



- Select the PM module in the Agent Activation Key, before and after agent deployment.

Provision Key for these applications

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CSAM CyberSecurity Asset Management Activations managed by CSAM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PM Patch Management 191 Activations Remaining
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	VM Vulnerability Management 89 Activations Remaining	<input type="checkbox"/>	PC Policy Compliance 89 Activations Remaining
<input type="checkbox"/>	EDR Endpoint Detection and Response 93 Activations Remaining	<input type="checkbox"/>	FIM File Integrity Monitoring 89 Activations Remaining
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SCA Secure Config Assessment 100 Activations Remaining		

RHEL 7.9
172.31.1.49, 0:0:0:0:0:0

Red Hat Enterpri... 4.6.0.56

Quick Actions

- View Asset Details
- Add Tags
- Assign Config Profile
- Activate Agent
- Deactivate Agent
- Uninstall Agent
- Activate for FIM or EDR or PM or XDR
- Deactivate Agent for FIM or EDR or PM or XDR

- Use the “Quick Actions” menu to activate PM for any agent host or use the Qualys Cloud Agent API.

Assessment Profile




The screenshot shows the Qualys Enterprise interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Patch Management', 'DASHBOARD', 'PATCHES', 'ASSETS', 'JOBS', and 'CONFIGURATION'. The left sidebar is titled 'Configuration' and contains a 'STATUS' section with two 'Enabled' buttons. The main content area is titled 'Assessment Schedule' and includes a description: 'Define the interval at which you want the cloud agent to collect patch information from the assets associated with this profile. This is synchronized with agent behavior.' A yellow warning box states: 'Scan interval is applicable only for the licensed assets. The default scan interval for the unlicensed assets will be 24 hrs.' Below this, the 'Scan every' field is set to '4' hours.

- Specifies frequency of patch assessment scans.
- System Profile will be used by default.

License Consumption



License Consumption



Patch Management

Type: **FULL**
Expiring in: **3.04K days** on **Jan 31, 2030 05:59 pm** Status: **ACTIVE**

Total Consumption

9 Of 100

100%

Select assets for patch management

Select asset tags to include or exclude for patch management. Total Consumption counter shows the number of licenses used based on the number of matching assets contained in the included asset tags.

Include Assets Tags

Select Tags

Cloud Agent X

☒ Add Exclusion Asset Tags

Exclude Assets Tags

Select Tags

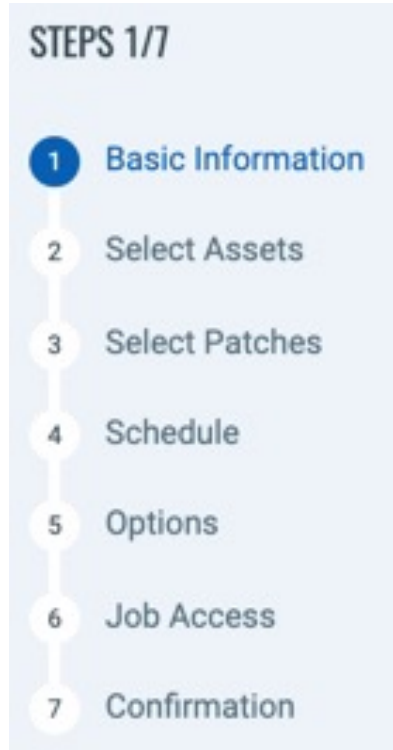
Don't Patch X

Exclude assets you do not want to patch.

- Use Asset Tags to specify hosts for patching and to exclude others.
- Only agent host assets will consume a patch license.

Patch Deployment Job

Deployment Job Wizard



- Build patch jobs step-by-step.
- Select assets and patches.
- Configure scheduling option or run on-demand.
- Configure communication and reboot options.
- Assign access to a job.

Lab 14 : Patch Deployment

Please consult pages 52 to 57 in the lab tutorial supplement for details.



Tutorial begins on page 52.

10 mins

Select Assets

←

Create: Windows Deployment Job

STEPS 2/9

1 Basic Information

2 Select Assets

3 Select Pre-actions

4 Select Patches

5 Select Post-actions

6 Schedule

7 Options

8 Job Access

9 Confirmation

Select Assets

Select the assets you want this job to deploy patches on.

Include the following assets.

Selected Assets (2)

ASSET NAME

WIN12R2-97-149

WIN2012-205

Add Assets

Remove All

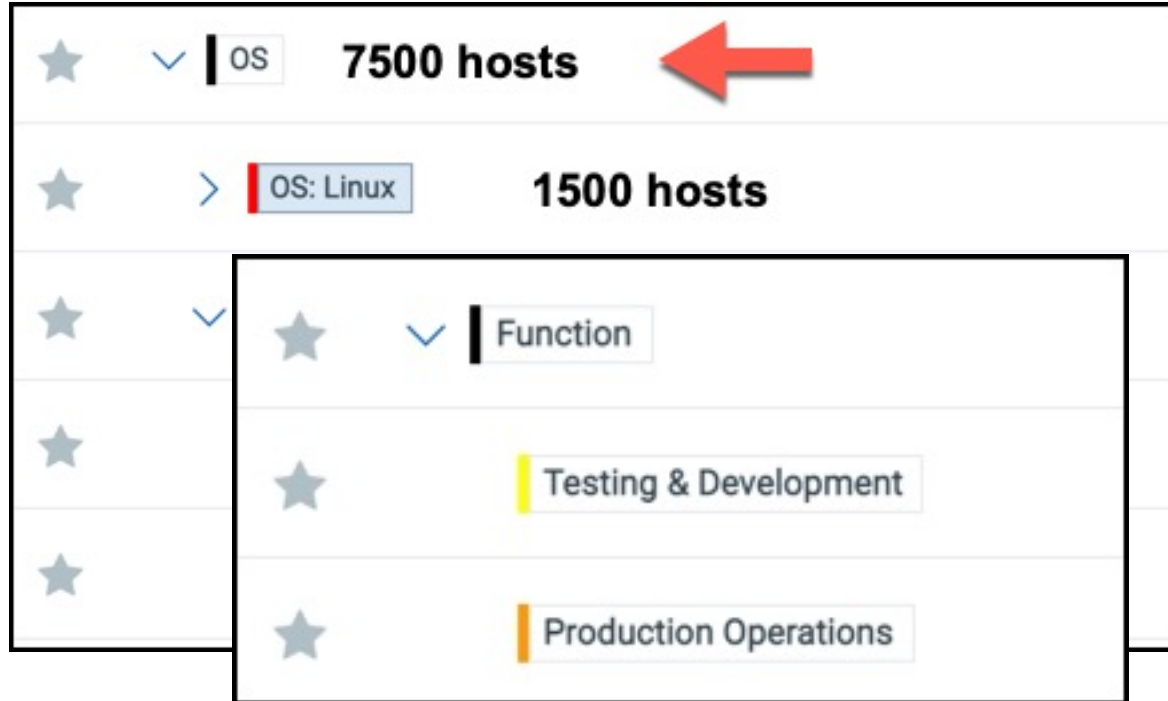
☐ Add Exclusion Assets

Include hosts that have Any ▼ of the tags below.

Cloud Environments

☐ Add Exclusion Asset Tags

Asset Tag Tips



- Design Asset Tag hierarchies with nested structures.
- Selecting a “parent” tag as a patching target, includes its “child” tags automatically.
- Use tags to distinguish between production and testing assets.

Pre and Post Actions

← Create: Windows Deployment Job

STEPS 3/9

- 1 Basic Information
- 2 Select Assets
- 3 Select Pre-actions
- 4 Select Patches
- 5 Select Post-actions
- 6 Schedule
- 7 Options
- 8 Job Access
- 9 Confirmation

Select Pre-Actions

Select an action that you want to execute on assets before the job starts.

Action *

- Run Script
- Install Software

Script Name *

Custom Script *

20480/20480 characters remaining

Cancel Add

Configure action to execute before job starts

Run a PowerShell script or install software

Select Patches

[←](#) Create: Windows Deployment Job

STEPS 4/9

1

Basic Information

2

Select Assets

3

Select Pre-actions

4

Select Patches

5

Select Post-actions

6

Schedule

7

Options

8

Job Access

9

Confirmation

Select Patches

Choose the patches you want to install for the selected assets or create a query to automate the job.

☒ Manual Patch Selection

Select manually from the available list of patches.

☐ Automated Patch Selection

Define QQL to automatically identify patches to remediate the job runs.

There are no patches selected

[Take me to patch selector](#)

Use patch selector

Select patches using QQL query

Manual Patch Selection

View patches within scope of selected assets

Use queries to narrow selections

← List: Patch Selector Close

209
Total Patches

✕ vendorSeverity: 'Critical' and category: 'Security Patches' ?

☐ Within Scope ☒ All Add to Job 1 - 50 of 209

PATCH TITLE	PUBLISHED DATE	ARCHIT	BULLETIN	KB	CATEGORY	QID	VENDOR SEVERITY	CVE
Security Cumulative Update for ...	Sep 14, 2021	X64	MS21-09-W10...	KB5005573	Security Patch...	91772 273 more...	Critical	CVE-2021-36960 29 more...
Security update available for Ad...	Sep 14, 2021	X86	APSB21-55	QARDC2100...	Security Patch...	372564 42 more...	Critical	CVE-2021-39851 25 more...
Servicing stack update for Win...	Sep 14, 2021	X64	MS21-09-SSU...	KB5005698	Security Patch...	91482 2 more...	Critical	-
Security Cumulative Update for ...	Sep 14, 2021	X64	MS21-09-W10...	KB5005568	Security Patch...	91772 145 more...	Critical	CVE-2021-36960 33 more...
Security Cumulative Update for ...	Sep 14, 2021	X64	MS21-09-W10...	KB5005565	Security Patch...	91651 63 more...	Critical	CVE-2021-36960 33 more...
September 14, 2021-KB500562...	Sep 13, 2021	X64	MS21-09-SO81...	KB5005627	Security Patch...	91814 1 more...	Critical	CVE-2021-36960 24 more...
KB5005112: Servicing stack up...	Aug 10, 2021	X64	MS21-08-SSU...	KB5005112	Security Patch...	91482 2 more...	Critical	-

SUPERSEDED
true 171
false 38

APP FAMILY
Windows 148
Firefox 17
Chrome 9
Internet Explorer 9
Java 8
[8 more](#)

VENDOR
Microsoft 166
Mozilla Foundati... 17
Google 9

Use filters to narrow selections

Automated Patch Selection

← Create: Windows Deployment Job

STEPS 4/9

1 Basic Information

2 Select Assets

3 Select Pre-actions

4 Select Patches

5 Select Post-actions

6 Schedule

7 Options

8 Job Access

9 Confirmation

Select Patches

Choose the patches you want to install for the selected assets or create a query to automate the job.

☐ Manual Patch Selection

Select manually from the available list of patches.

☒ Automated Patch Selection

Define QQL to automatically identify patches to remediate the job runs.

Patch

✕ vendor:Microsoft and vendorSeverity:Critical

Note: For optimum performance, only missing and non-superseded patches that match the QQL criteria will be added to the job.

Select patches using QQL query

Use a query to select patches

“Within Scope” Patch



“Within Scope” only includes patches needed by your targeted host assets.

Schedule Deployment

Schedule Deployment

Schedule the deployment job to run on demand or in the future.

On Demand

Schedule

Schedule: Schedule the deployment job to run at a set time.

START DATE

09/01/2027

START TIME

12:30am

REPEATS

Daily

Daily

Weekly

Monthly

TIMEZONE

By default the system will use the agent timezone. [Set timezone](#)

Patch Window

You can configure a patch window to run the deployment job only during the specified time frame.

☒ None

☐ Set Duration

Note: Not setting the patch window will allow the cloud agent to take as much time as it needs to complete the job.

Run jobs "on demand" or schedule them to run at regular frequencies.

Opportunistic Patch Download

Additional Job Settings

Enable opportunistic patch download
The agent attempts to download patches before a scheduled job runs.

ON ☒

Minimize job progress window
Allow end-users to minimize message windows.

☐ OFF

You can “Enable opportunistic patch download,” to allow agents to download required patches prior to the start of a **scheduled** job.

Patch Window

Patch Window

You can configure a patch window to run the deployment job only within a particular time frame.

☐ None ☒ Set Duration 

Note: Setting this will restrict the agent to complete the job within the specified patch window (e.g., start time + 6 hrs). The job gets timed out outside this window.

Patch Window

- A host will display the “Timed out” status, if the patch installation does not **start** within a specified patch window.
- Select the “None” option to give agents an unlimited amount of time.

Windows Communication Options

Deployment and Reboot Communication Options

Define user (recipient) patch deployment communication and reboot warning messages to encourage and educate the user about patch installment and the reboot cycle.

Reboot messages

Suppress Reboot
Asset reboot is suppressed and users are not prompted for reboot post patch installation.

☐ OFF

Reboot Request
Show a message to users indicating that a reboot is required.
(If no user is logged in, the reboot will start immediately after patch deployment)

☐ OFF

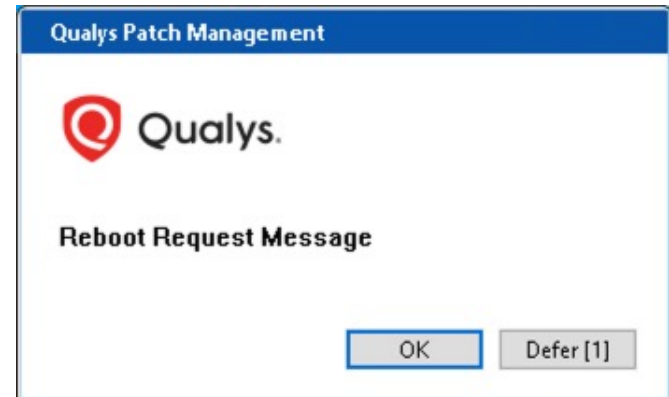
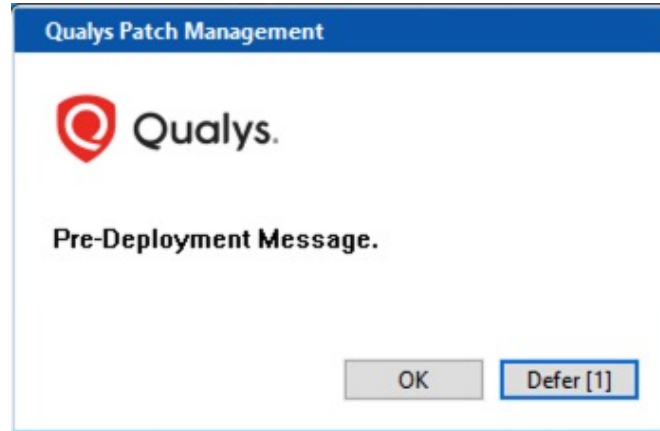
Reboot Countdown
Show countdown message to users after deferment limit is reached.

☐ OFF

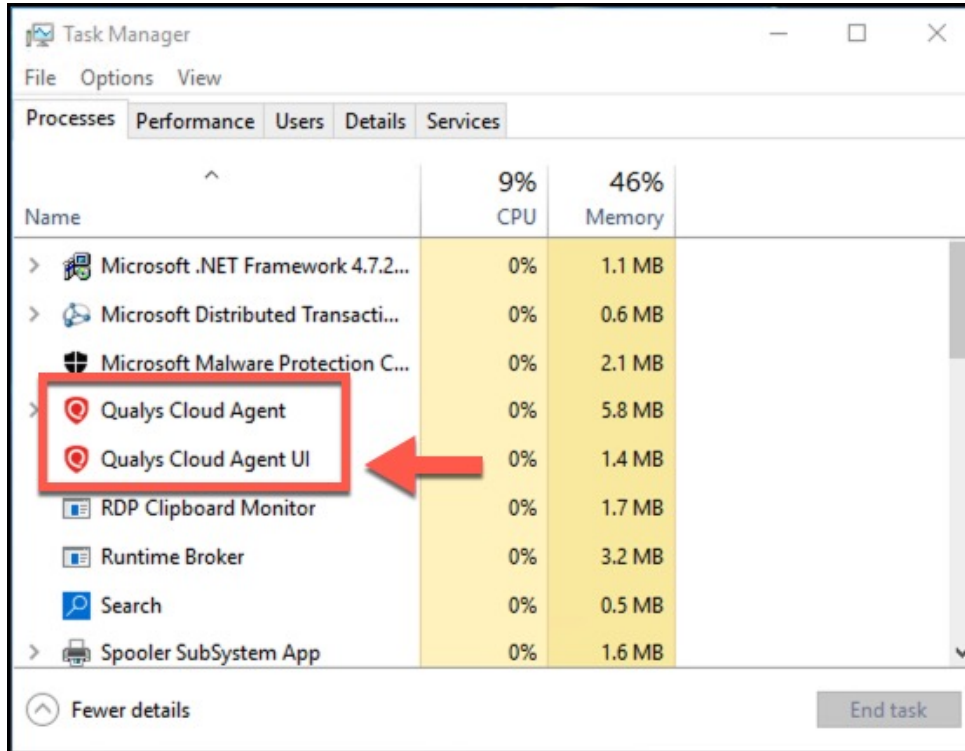
Choose the type of “Deployment and Reboot Communication Options” for each Deployment Job.

Host “Pop-Up” Messages

“Pre-Deployment
and “Reboot
Request messages
can be configured
with deferment
options.



PM Processes & Executables



The screenshot shows the Windows Task Manager window with the 'Processes' tab selected. The table below represents the data shown in the task manager:

Name	CPU	Memory
Microsoft .NET Framework 4.7.2...	0%	1.1 MB
Microsoft Distributed Transacti...	0%	0.6 MB
Microsoft Malware Protection C...	0%	2.1 MB
Qualys Cloud Agent	0%	5.8 MB
Qualys Cloud Agent UI	0%	1.4 MB
RDP Clipboard Monitor	0%	1.7 MB
Runtime Broker	0%	3.2 MB
Search	0%	0.5 MB
Spooler SubSystem App	0%	1.6 MB

- When patching is active on a Windows host, patching messages and notifications are managed by the “Qualys Cloud Agent UI” process (QualysAgentUI.exe)
- ‘stdeploy.exe’ is the name of the patching executable.

Linux Communication Options

Reboot messages

Suppress Reboot

Asset reboot is suppressed and users are not prompted for reboot post patch installation.

OFF

Reboot Countdown

Show countdown message to users after deferment limit is reached.

ON

TITLE *

Reboot countdown started

MESSAGE

The system reboot is initiated. It will reboot automatically after the timer countdown.

413/500 characters remaining

START COUNT-DOWN FROM *

15

Minutes

Additional Job Settings

Continue patching even after a package fails to install for a patch

Enabling this setting ensures that if one of the packages for the patch fails to install, installation of other packages is attempted.

ON

Add to Existing Job?

← Add Patches: Existing Deployment Jobs			
STATUS	JOB NAME	CREATED BY	SCHEDULE
✓ Enabled	Scheduled - Recurring Created by trann3zd54 on Jul 3...	trann3zd54 Jul 30, 2020	Every 30th day of the ...
✓ Disabled	Scheduled - Run Once Created by trann3zd54 on Jul 3...	trann3zd54 Jul 30, 2020	Once, Aug 30 2020 7:...
✓ Disabled	On Demand - Run Now Created by trann3zd54 on Jul 3...	trann3zd54 Jul 30, 2020	On-demand

- Patches and assets can be added to any deployment job, before it is enabled
- Patches and assets can be added to a “recurring” job, both before and after it is enabled.

Job Status

DASHBOARD PATCHES ASSETS JOBS CONFIGURATION						
STATUS	NAME	CREATED BY	SCHEDULE	PATCHES	ASSETS	TAGS
Enabled	.Net Job Install Job	trann3ww83 Oct 20, 2019	On-demand	2	0	-
Disabled	Adobe Job Install Job	trann3ww83 Oct 28, 2019	Once, 1:00 PM	1	3	CA Lab

Quick Actions ▾

[View Details](#)

[View Progress](#)

[Edit](#)

View Job Status:

- **Enabled** – Job is presently active.
- **Disabled** – Job is presently inactive.
- **Completed** – Job has completed.

View Job Progress

STATUS	ASSET NAME	OS	PATCHES		
			INSTALLED	FAILED	SKIPPED
Pending Oct 28, 2019	WS2016DFW242 fe80:0:0:0:d42d:825a:8140:153, 192.168....	Microsoft Windows Server 2016 Stand...	—	—	—
Completed Oct 28, 2019	WS2012EVAL206 fe80:0:0:0:383a:fada:a31b:e92c, 192.168...	Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2 Sta...	0	0	1
Completed Oct 28, 2019	WS2016DFW251 fe80:0:0:0:fd21:1c55:3da9:ba53, 192.168...	Microsoft Windows Server 2016 Stand...	0	0	1

Pending

Job Sent

Downloaded

Patching

Pending 

Completed

Best Practices

- Use Asset Tags as targets for patch deployment jobs.
- Deploy patches to test hosts, first (create Asset Tags that distinguish between test and production assets).
- Once test deployments are verified, **clone the deployment job** and include production asset tags

Clone job

The screenshot shows the Qualys interface with the 'JOBS' tab selected. The 'Linux' operating system is chosen. A search bar is present. Below it, there are buttons for 'Actions (1)', 'Create Job', and 'Filters'. The 'Actions (1)' dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'View Details', 'View Progress', 'Edit', 'Change Job Owner', 'Delete', 'Enable', 'Disable', and 'Clone'. The 'Clone' option is highlighted. Below the menu is a table of jobs.

	NAME	OWNER	SCHEDULE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demo Install Job	Jan 21, 2021	On-Demand
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Friday Patching Install Job	May 10, 2019	On-Demand

Clone an existing job

Patch Catalog

Patches

Patch Management

DASHBOARD PATCHES ASSETS JOBS CONFIGURATION

Patch Catalog

35.3K
Total Patches

APP FAMILY

- Windows 17.8K
- Office 4.18K
- Internet Explorer 2.93K
- Office Viewer 1.41K
- Lync 1.17K
- 45 more

VENDOR

- Microsoft 27.8K
- Mozilla Foundati... 870
- Adobe 657
- Google 596
- Opera Software A... 420
- 45 more

Patch Search...

1 - 50 of 35298

PATCH TITLE	ARCHIT	BULLETIN / KB	TYPE	QID	VENDOR SEVERITY	PATCH STATUS	
						MISSING	INSTALLED
Snagit 2019.1.7 Published on Aug 03, 2020	X86	SNAG19-200804 QSNAG1917	Application	372059	Moderate	0	0
Snagit 2018.2.6 Published on Aug 03, 2020	X86	SNAG18-200804 QSNAG1826	Application	372059	Moderate	0	0
August 4, 2020, updat... Published on Aug 03, 2020	X86	MSNS20-08-4484477 KB4484477	Application	—	Critical	0	0
August 4, 2020, updat... Published on Aug 03, 2020	X86	MSNS20-08-4484464 KB4484464	Application	—	Critical	0	0
Snagit 2019.1.7 Published on Aug 03, 2020	X86	SNAG19-200804 QSNAG1917	Application	372059	Moderate	0	0
Snagit 2019.1.7 Published on Aug 03, 2020	X86	SNAG19-200804 QSNAG1917	Application	372059	Moderate	0	0

- The Patch Catalog contains tens of thousands of OS and application patches.
- Presently, you can add up to 2000 patches to a single job.

Lab 15 : Patch Catalog

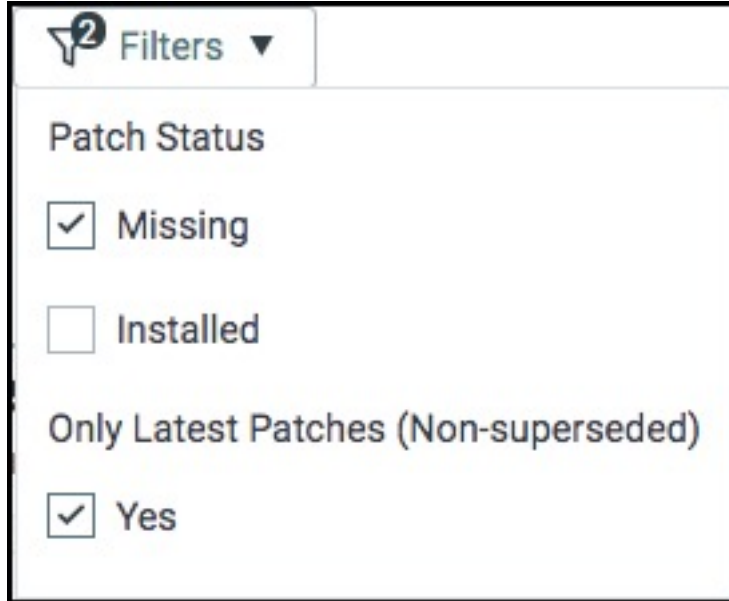
Please consult pages 58 to 61 in the lab tutorial supplement for details.



Tutorial begins on page 58.

10 mins

Catalog's Default Display Filters



A screenshot of a web application's filter menu. At the top, there is a tab labeled 'Filters' with a downward arrow and a small blue circle containing the number '2'. Below the tab, the menu is divided into two sections. The first section is titled 'Patch Status' and contains two options: 'Missing' with a checked checkbox and 'Installed' with an unchecked checkbox. The second section is titled 'Only Latest Patches (Non-superseded)' and contains one option: 'Yes' with a checked checkbox.

2 Filters ▼

Patch Status

☒ Missing

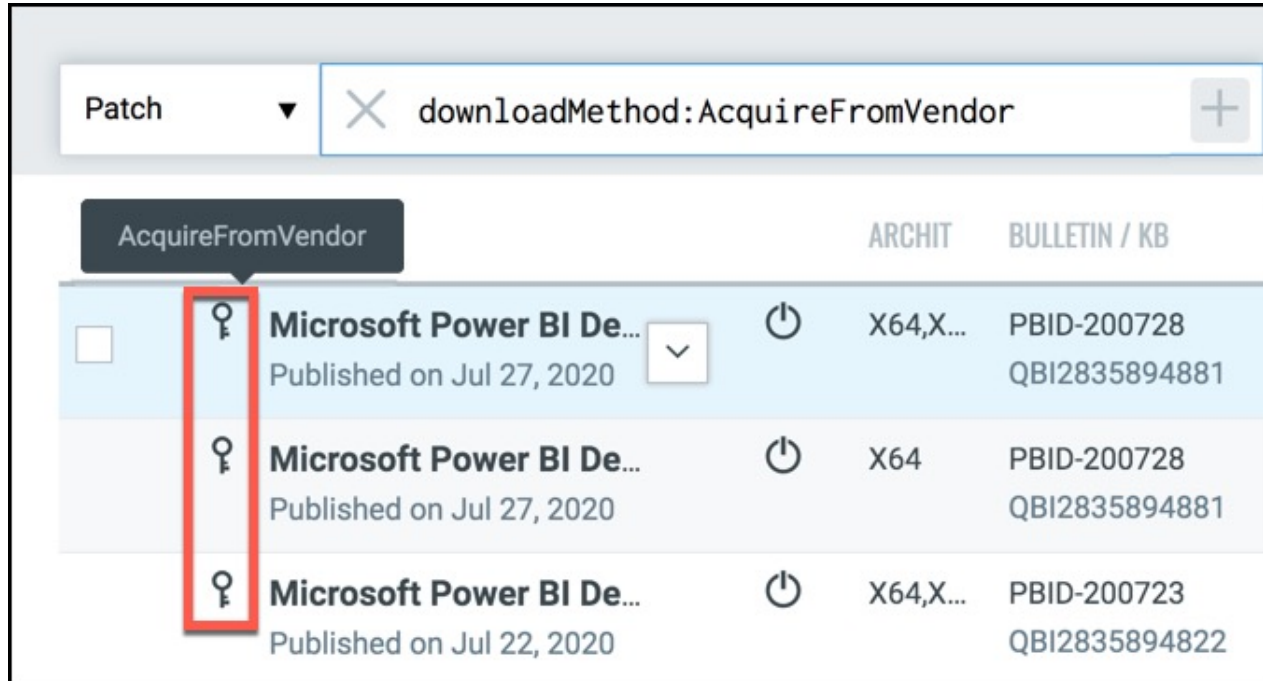
☐ Installed







Only Latest Patches (Non-superseded)

☒ Yes

The default filters in the Patch Catalog, display patches that are missing and only the latest patches (non-superseded).

Acquire From Vendor



Patch		downloadMethod:AcquireFromVendor	
AcquireFromVendor		ARCHIT	BULLETIN / KB
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Microsoft Power BI De... Published on Jul 27, 2020	 X64,X...	PBID-200728 QBI2835894881
	 Microsoft Power BI De... Published on Jul 27, 2020	 X64	PBID-200728 QBI2835894881
	 Microsoft Power BI De... Published on Jul 22, 2020	 X64,X...	PBID-200723 QBI2835894822

Patches identified with the “key-shaped” icon, cannot be downloaded by Qualys’ Cloud Agent.

Prioritized Products

Prioritized Products

- Focus on products in your environment that are important to patch on a regular basis
- Prioritizes products that have introduced the most vulnerabilities (over the last 2 years)
- Create a “zero-touch” patch job targeting products with most vulnerabilities
 1. Patches are selected using QQL
 2. Selected patches are included in recurring deployment jobs (daily, weekly, monthly)
- Click the “Prioritize Products” button from the Patch Catalog.

Create Job Using Query

Qualys. Cloud Platform

← Prioritized Products

i This report enables you to view the total number of product vulnerabilities (active and fixed) detected in your environment over the last 2 years.

Actions (3) Filters

View Related Patches
Create Job using Query

	VULNERABILITIES
Windows	1715
Edge	1404
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Java	708
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Firefox	432
Tomcat	382
	24

- Select applications from the “Prioritized Products” list and use the “Actions” button to “Create Job using Query.”
- A query designed to target the selected products is constructed automatically (using QQL).

Create a Query for Patches

Select Patches

Choose the patches you want to install for the selected assets or create a query for the job.

☐ Select Patches ☒ Create a Query for Patches

Patch

1

2

3

appFamily:`Edge` or appFamily:`Java` or appFamily:`Firefox`

?

Note: For optimum performance, only missing and non-superseded patches that match the QQL criteria will be added to the job.

- The generated query condition(s) will specify the criteria for selecting patches each time the job runs:
 - daily
 - weekly
 - monthly

Course Resources

VMDR Certification Exam

<https://gm1.geolearning.com/geonext/qualys/scheduledclassdetails4enroll.geo?&id=22511237827>

VMDR Trial Account

<https://www.qualys.com/forms/vmdr/>

You will find the exam link and trial account link at the back of the VMDR Lab Tutorial Supplement.



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